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WHITEAWAY'S

Japanese Build Aerodrome Ten Minutes from Hongkong

FROM trustworthy sources, the "Telegraph" learns this morning that the Japanese are constructing a large aerodrome less than fifty miles from Hongkong.

First reports of Japanese activity in this direction was brought to Hongkong by refugees from the Tungku district.

These reports have since been confirmed from other sources.

The aerodrome is being constructed at Taiping.

At normal air speed, Taiping is only ten minutes flying time from Hongkong. It is about five or six miles from Bocca Tigris forts.

According to reports reaching the "Telegraph", villagers in the district have been conscripted by the Japanese to do the work. The workers are well treated and well fed, but are not paid for their labours.

Work on the new 'drome commenced last week and is reported to have already reached a stage where it is being used for Japanese aerial operations against the Chinese operating in the East River areas.

RETURN OF ENVOY NOT "CLIMB DOWN"

LINE UP OF NINE POWERS

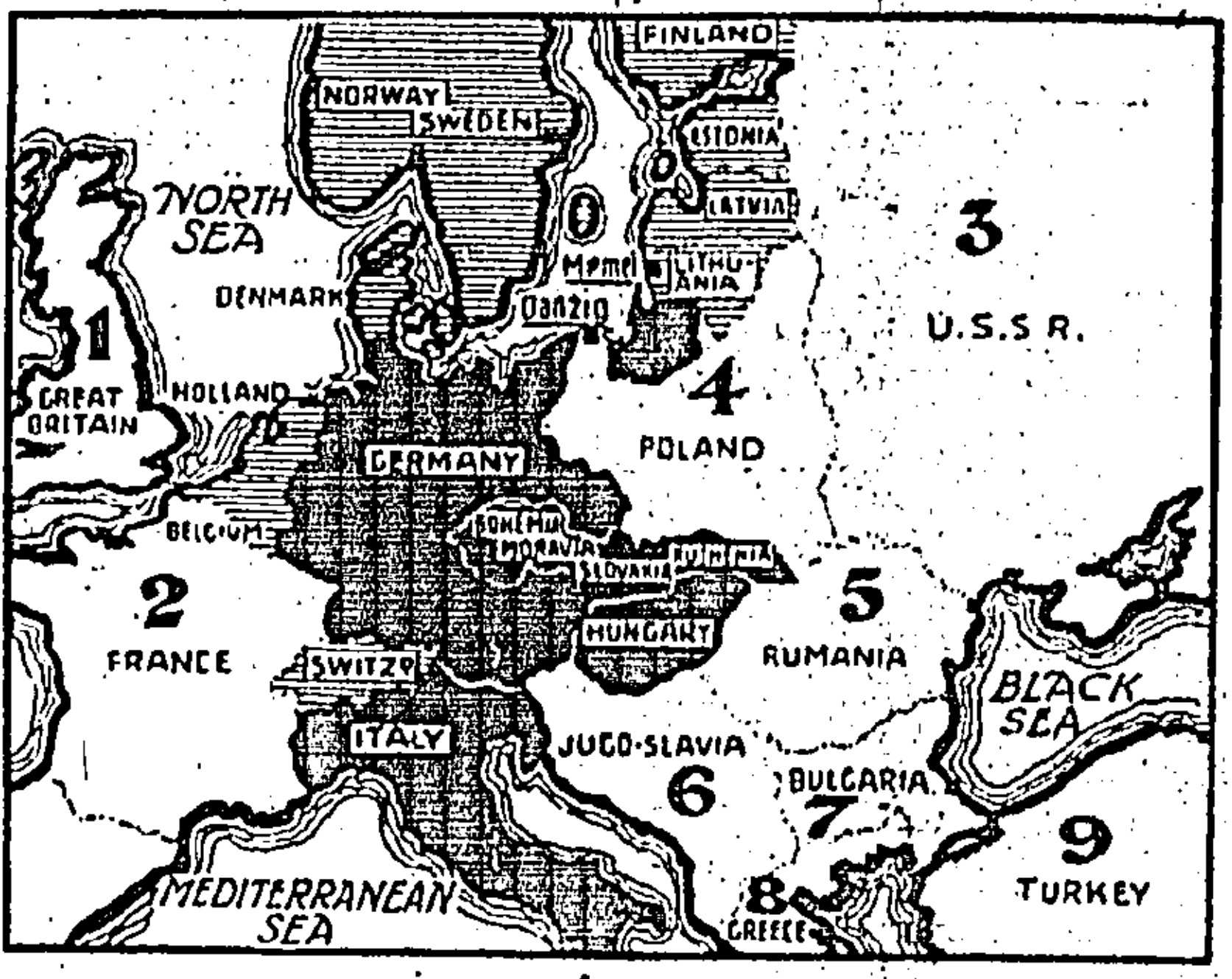
CHAMBERLAIN SUSPICIONS

Alfonso And Ena Expect Recall

STORE RATIONS, H.K. HOUSEWIVES ARE URGED

DON'T WAIT for an emergency before stocking your larder with food supplies.

That is the advice given to housewives in Hongkong by the local authorities.



LONDON, Apr. 24.

THE RETURN of the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, to Berlin, gave rise to conjecture in London and other capitals to-day.

This evening the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, set all doubts at rest.

He assured the House of Commons that there was no special significance in the decision to send the Ambassador back to his post.

"The return of the Ambassador does not indicate that His Majesty's Government have accepted the annexation of Czecho-Slovakia," the Premier declared.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the British Government has also decided not to recognise the change in the regime in Albania.

NORMAL COURSE

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that Sir Neville Henderson had been recalled to London simply to report, and that he was returning to Berlin "in the normal course of duty."

The Prime Minister dodged a barrage of questions regarding the security negotiations.

"The Government is maintaining close touch with other Governments, including Turkey and Soviet Russia," was all he would say.

One member urged the Premier to make a statement before Hitler's speech on Friday.

"I do not think it is desirable to make premature statements regarding negotiations which are still in progress," Mr. Chamberlain replied.

Tangier Status Quo

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour, that Britain considers the maintenance of the present regime in Tangier a matter of great importance.

He said the recent movements of Spanish troops in the vicinity of Gibraltar were the result of demobilisation.—United Press.

French Ambassador Departs

Paris, Apr. 24.

The Agence Radio reports that the French Ambassador is departing for Berlin to-night.—United Press.

No Berlin Comment

BERLIN, Apr. 24.—The return to Berlin of Sir Neville Henderson is being announced without comment by the papers to-day.

Political circles believe that the German Ambassador to London, Herr von Dirksen, will also rejoin his post.

The Rumanian trade delegation arrived here to-day to discuss the question of the inclusion of Rumania and Moravia in the German-Rumanian trade agreement.

In this connection, certain quarters deny foreign press reports that Dr. Wohlat, the German Minister for Economy, who negotiated the German-Rumanian trade pact, is at present in Bucharest. The presence there of Dr. Todt, German Inspector-General of Roads is also denied.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Won't Follow

Washington, Apr. 24.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated to-day that Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin would not lead the United States to follow suit.

Officials reiterate the belief that President Roosevelt is not making a decision in this connection until Herr Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's message has been received.

The suggestion that Herr Hitler may attempt to reverse the order of President Roosevelt's proposals, by insisting upon satisfaction of German economic and colonial claims, before giving any guarantee regarding future intentions, has been received here both by the press and diplomatic quarters, namely that Hitler would not be so foolish as to do so.—United Press.

ROME, Apr. 24.

SITTING in the royal suite of Rome's Grand Hotel to-day ex-King Alfonso awaits a recall to the country from which he fled eight years ago.

Restoration of the Spanish monarchy is expected to follow the triumphal march into Madrid.

At the same time a complete reconciliation between King Alfonso and Queen Ena, who have been estranged in exile, may be announced.

"Nothing can be said yet. King Alfonso is awaiting developments in Spain," his secretary said, but it is significant that the ex-King, on hearing that Madrid had fallen, sent a congratulatory telegram to General Franco.

Franco's Greetings

In reply General Franco sent him "sincere and affectionate greetings."

The belief that the monarchy will be re-established is strengthened by a decree recently passed by the Nationalist Government.

This restores the property confiscated from Alfonso and his family on the proclamation of the Republic in 1931.

[Ex-Queen Ena, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, is now in Rome. Friends of the Royal pair are convinced that they are already reconciled.]

DIPLOMATS SCURRY TO AND FRO

European Activity Not Lessened

LONDON, Apr. 24.

TO-DAY'S Anglo-Rumanian discussions are summed up as a satisfactory exchange of views, says "Reuters" diplomatic correspondent.

This morning's conversations at the Foreign Office included general consideration of the European situation, with particular reference to the position of the Balkans, and the relations between Britain, France, and Rumania.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain joined the talks in the afternoon.

It is understood that economic questions have not yet been touched upon, but they may arise at a later stage.

Meanwhile, it is understood that no reply has been sent from London to the proposals submitted by the Soviets during the Anglo-Russian discussions.

The discussions are continuing in the capitals concerned.—Reuters.

Axis Pact

Belgrade, Apr. 24.

The Italo-Yugo-Slav friendship was described to-day by M. Markovitch, the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister as a "fundamental principle of the present policy of Italy and Yugo-Slavia."

Speaking to press representatives, he went on to say that the deepening of friendship between the two countries which resulted from the Venice talks, was a natural consequence of complete agreement on all questions of mutual interest.

For this reason, he considered the Venice meeting to be in the highest degree satisfactory.—Trans-Ocean.

Hurried Departure

CROYDON, Apr. 24.

The Polish Ambassador to London made a hurried departure for Paris by Imperial Airways plane to-day.

It is understood that his business in Paris is very urgent.

Special accommodation was arranged on the plane, which had already been fully booked.—United Press.

Reich-Rumanian Pact

Bucharest, Apr. 24.

Dr. Wohlat, attached to the German Ministry of Economy, has already seen M. Bojolu, Rumanian Minister of National Economy, and has pressed for the adoption of two schemes regarding the cultivation of

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DEATHBLOW TO REICH TRADE

NEW YORK, Apr. 24.

THE Government's imposition of 25 per cent. countervailing duties on imports from Germany, which came into force at 1 p.m. yesterday is regarded in New York as the deathblow to trade between the United States and the Reich.

Dr. Albert Degener, an official of the Board of Trade for Germany, said the measure constituted "a complete embargo" on German goods, and was "a distinct violation of the gentlemen's agreement."

Imports from Germany totalled approximately £13,000,000 last year. Germany will now have to find other sources of supply of the cotton and other raw materials she has been getting from the United States.

Importers had cabled instructions for all available supplies to be shipped before April 23, when the duty-penalty ruling became effective.

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A REMARKABLE offer of free transmission of cable messages to any part of the Empire except Canada, India, Burma, Trans-Jordan and the Sudan will be available to all members of the Hongkong public on Monday next week.

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The privilege is extended to all members of the public.

The scheme will be simultaneously inaugurated in all parts of the Empire.

No charge will be made for the service on May 1. After that date, however, a special cheap rate of the equivalent in Hongkong dollars of five shillings will be charged for 12 words.

"Social messages" are defined as any messages of a social and non-commercial nature.

MINISTERS FACE BARRAGE

LONDON, Apr. 24.

ACCORDING TO the Government's information, the recent movements of Spanish troops near Gibraltar was the natural consequence of measures of demobilisation taken by the Spanish Government, declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day.

Asked if it was necessary to despatch reinforcements to Gibraltar if there was no significance in sending them, Mr. Butler made no reply.

Asked about widening the No. 1 dock at Gibraltar, Colonel Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty stated that all possible steps had already been taken to secure the earliest completion of the work which was proceeding day and night.

Asked to what extent the Government was interested in the maintenance of the status quo of the international zone of Tangier, Mr. Butler said that the Government considered the maintenance of the present regime a matter of great importance.

Italian Troops

Asked whether any representations had been made to the Italian Government regarding the retention in Spain of large forces after the cessation of hostilities, Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied: "No. The Government trusts that no such representation is necessary."

Asked whether there was a possibility of their retention beyond

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Norway Replies To Hitler

OSLO, Apr. 24.

In his reply to Hitler's questionnaire, Norway's Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvdan Koht, states that he did not know in advance of President Roosevelt's message.

Norway does not feel menaced by "in case of war we know Norway would be endangered, and we are therefore restoring our defences."

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RICE PLANTERS BUSY IN NEW TERRITORIES

AS A RESULT of the beneficial rains of last week, the New Territories presents a picture of activity as the spring planting of rice has begun.

Hongkong should have record crops, as every available piece of land is being sown for rice. Even hillside terraced paddies, which in many instances have been neglected for years, are now being prepared.

Village farmers predict good weather and bumper crops and anticipate increased prices at harvest time.

BRITISH WARNING

Conscription Unless—

LONDON, Apr. 24.

GREAT BRITAIN has sent Hitler a "forthright message" which, a spokesman to-day indicated, is both a plea and a warning that the continuation of tension might force the adoption of national conscription in Britain.

The spokesman confirmed that the British Ambassador has returned to Berlin with a message from the British Government.

He indicated that the message included:

- 1.—British re-affirmation of the belief that European problems may be settled peacefully.
- 2.—The suggestion that President Roosevelt's appeal offers a dignified opportunity for negotiations with Britain.
- 3.—A warning that Britain will resist any attempt at European domination by force.—United Press.

LATEST THE BRITISH WARNING

London, Apr. 25.

A plain warning to Herr Hitler is being conveyed by Sir Neville Henderson, according to the diplomatic correspondents of the morning papers.

Sir Neville Henderson will state, says the "Daily Telegraph", that unless there is evidence of a change in policy on the part of Germany, the British Government will be forced to continue organising resistance to aggression, and will enforce conscription in this country.

He will suggest steps that Germany might take. They are the withdrawal of troops from Spain and demobilisation of some of the forces now under arms at home.

"Germany will also doubtless learn, adds the correspondent, that it is the British Government's desire to see a practical and pacific approach made

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KING'S PORTRAIT FOR U.S. REGIMENT'S MESS

NEW YORK, Apr. 24.

A PORTRAIT of the King by Frank Beresford will be formally presented to the 107th Infantry of the Seventh Regiment of the New York National Guard on Friday, following a full dress review of the regiment in its historic uniform dating from 1824.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay has been asked to unveil the portrait, whose donor is Mr. L. C. Wallach of Northampton, Hampshire.

The Colonel of the Regiment, in acknowledging the gift said: "In the interest of Anglo-American relations I can think of nothing more significant than the presentation of this portrait."

Recalling that the regiment was brigaded with the British army in the Great War, the Colonel added that he was always anxious to have some concrete expression of this friendship and the "trinity of the three democracies."

He had in his room portraits of Washington and Lafayette, the latter presented to the regiment by the French Government. "Now, with the portrait of His Majesty, these great democracies are brought together in an expression of their mutual ideals, traditions, and friendship."—Reuters.

SCOTS WON'T HELP LOST TOURISTS

If It Happens To Be A Sunday

IF TOURISTS TO SCOTLAND LOSE THEIR WAY ON A SUNDAY AND, ON ASKING A HIGHLANDER, RECEIVE NO ANSWER, THEY WILL HAVE TO THANK THE 70-YEARS-OLD REV. EWAN McQUEEN.

Mr. McQueen has banded Highlanders together to refuse any Sunday tourists: Water for tea, any information, and food.

"I don't care whether people hate me for my opinions or not, but I will continue to fight against what people call Sunday excursions," he declared.

"The word has no meaning to me. I recognise only the Sabbath. It is a day which should be kept strictly."

"FANATICISM"

"Almost the entire North of Scotland is against Sunday travel, and we are going to try to maintain that state of affairs."

Sir William Goodchild, of the Scottish Economic Committee, said that this "Keep the Sunday Traveller Away" campaign was just another of those waves of fanaticism which sweeps the Highlands every now and then.

"It is a completely fatuous example of how people in these parts are dominated by the clergy," he added. "It will wear itself out just like the other stupid campaign for long bathing costumes and their examples of Brundynam."

Bomb-Proof Shelters For Eton.

LONDON.

Every boy's house at Eton College will be provided with a bomb-proof shelter before the Summer Half begins in May. It was originally intended to dig trenches in the playing fields but this idea has been abandoned, much to the delight of the School Officers' Training Corps, who had been given the job of digging them. The shelters will complete the College's A.R.P. arrangements so that in any future crisis Eton will be able to carry on as usual.

Minister Paints Church For Bride

Bedfont, Middlesex.
A GIRL of 18 and a boy of 19 called on the Rev. J. Wickes, Baptist minister at Bedfont, Middlesex, and asked his advice about getting married.

The boy said he had nobody to guide him, and was worried about the responsibility of it all, as he was earning only 30s. a week. The girl was Miss Lillian Hart, daughter of Mrs. Hart, of Kingston-avenue, Bedfont; the boy, Private E. Keeling, of the R.A.S.C. depot at Fellingham, Middlesex.

Neither is a member of Mr. Wickes' church.

REDECORATED CHAPEL
But Mr. Wickes agreed to marry them and the wedding took place recently.

And in honour of what he calls the most romantic wedding of his experience, he redecorated his chapel.

"I took the young couple under my wing," Mr. Wickes said, "and I did everything for them."

Earl's Heir Cited By Edgar Wallace's Son

VISCOUNT HASTINGS, thirty-eight-year-old son and heir of the Earl of Huntingdon, is cited in an undated divorce suit which is being heard at Bristol Assizes.

The petitioner is Mr. Bryan Wallace, son of the late Edgar Wallace. His wife is Margaret Lane, the authoress.

Viscount Hastings was married in 1925. His wife was held captive with her companion, Lady Marian Cameron, the viscount's sister, in their hotel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, three years ago. They were released on condition that they left the country.

They were said to have gone to Brazil to get into touch with Communists. Their object, actually, was to take notes for a travel book they were writing.

Phones 5 Years Late

Durban, Natal.

Farmers in some parts of Natal who made application for telephone lines five years ago are still waiting for them in some cases, it is revealed by the Divisional Controller for Natal in a letter to the Natal Indian Congress.



Primo Carnera, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, with his bride, the former Pina Cavazzi, after their wedding in Trieste, Italy. Bride was a former postal employee. Primo has a job in the movies.

She Gave £1,000,000 Away In Secret

A WOMAN gave away £1,000,000—and no one knew. By leaving only £89,812 (net personalty, £29,496), in her will published recently, Mrs. Florence Evelyn St. George, of Cam House, Campden Hill, Kensington, W., stands revealed as one of England's greatest philanthropists.

In 1931 her father, George Baker, "Sphinx of Wall-street," third richest man in the world, left her over

£1,000,000 of his 15 millions. What happened to it?

Let Mrs. R. N. Aston, of Seaview, Isle of Wight, wife of her doctor, tell of those eight years:

"Mrs. St. George spent her money for the good of the country. Her donations to institutions and distressed people were made absolutely anonymously."

In fact, I do not think she signed her name to anything. "She and I were very friendly and often she used to ask my opinion about the charities to which she intended to send money."

Her financial affairs she left in the hands of her secretary, who did absolutely everything for her, from ordering meals to accompanying her on trips abroad."

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To that secretary, Miss Ethel Rose (who had been with her for over 20 years) she left £1,000 a year and a house in Aubrey-walk, W., with its contents, also the contents of her flat at Brighton, and the use of a cottage at Newlestone, Isle of Wight.

Mr. Baker, who was connected with banking all his life and was a director of hundreds of companies, started his career as a messenger boy.

Mrs. St. George was attended by two doctors and three nurses during her last illness, which lasted for two years. At one time Cam House was guarded by mastiffs, and heavy iron grilles barred the windows. These precautions were taken to guard her collection of art treasures.

£2,000 Job Is Born

London County Council created a new £2,000-a-year job recently. They agreed with members of the establishment committee that the council's architect needs an assistant. The post is to be advertised, and will have a salary starting at £1,800 a year, rising to £2,000 in two years.

The assistant architect will deal with town planning and the designing of new London County Council buildings.



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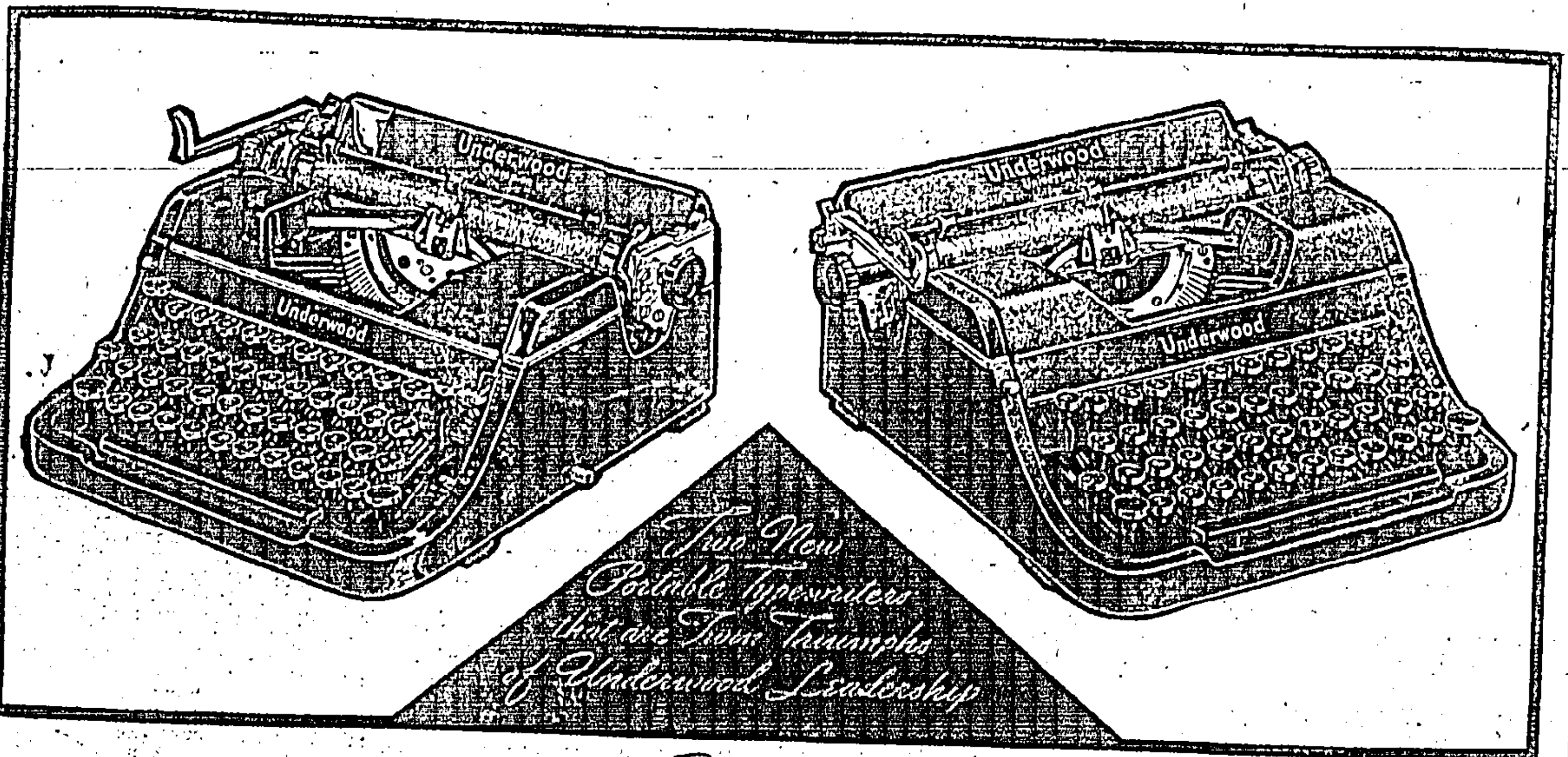
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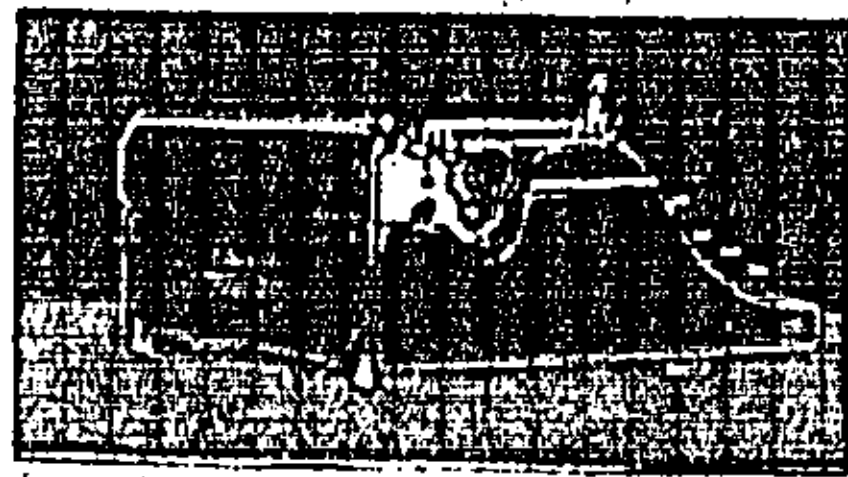
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English Girls To Camp In Rockies

A PERMANENT log cabin is being built on Sulphur Mountain, Banff, in the Canadian Rockies, for the accommodation of young visitors from England and her Dominions.

Each year English children from private and secondary schools will live for a while in that dream place set among the snow caps and lakes.

This time 125 English girls are going. Next year it will be the turn of the boys. Each year their visits will alternate. In addition to the English girls, students will go from Australia, New Zealand and perhaps South Africa this year.

COSTS 62 A HEAD
Major F. J. Ney, executive secretary of the National Council of Education of Canada, said: "The scheme is under the auspices of our Council in co-operation with the Overseas Education League. The camp is to be called King's Camp."

"About 125 girls will go from England this summer, one party leaving Liverpool on July 28 and returning from Montreal on September 9, and the second party leaving on August 5 and returning with the others."

The invitation does not include transportation, which for 14,000 miles

and a seven weeks' programme costs £62, and must be paid by the parents.

The girls will enjoy the hospitality of Canadian homes for a considerable part of the time. They will see Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa the capital, Kenora, on the Lake of the Woods, Banff, Calgary and the Turner Valley oilfields, Vancouver, Victoria, Winnipeg and Toronto.

CRICKET DEMONSTRATION
Two girls' cricket teams in the party will give demonstration games. The second party will have a shorter itinerary and the estimated cost is £32.

All applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 19 and must apply through their headmistresses. "The ideal age," said Major Ney, "is about 17. It is astonishing how much real road they get out of travel at that age."

The Correct Answer?
LONDON.

In the Southwark Diocesan Gazette, which he edits, the Rev. T. P. Stevens, vicar of St. Paul's, Wimbledon Park, quotes the following answer given by a boy in a Scripture exam he set: Q: Who was sorry when the Prodigal Son returned home? A: The fatted calf!

EMPIRE NEWS

HIGHER SHIPPING FREIGHTS FEARED

Auckland.
The new Shaw, Savill and Albion liner Dominion Monarch, 27,000 tons, called recently with representatives of the shipping companies trading here to attend the triennial shipping freight conference and fix future charges for Dominion primary exports.

The "New Zealand Herald" states that all-round increases in rates seem practically inevitable, and will strike a heavy blow at Dominion primary industries.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

SUCCESS OF APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Salisbury.
A week after the appeal for volunteers for a battalion to serve outside the colony, 350 Europeans had applied for forms at Salisbury and 300 at Bulawayo. The population of each town is about 12,000.

SOUTH AFRICA

NATURALISATION OF GERMANS

Cape Town.
Germans occupy a prominent place in the latest returns of naturalisation issued by the Union Department of the Interior. In the second half of 1938, 141 persons holding German nationality were granted South African nationality.

Most of them were of the professional class, but there were two Roman Catholic priests, one missionary bishop and one baptist minister.

The returns include the names of six persons officially described as Stateless, including one Jewish rabbi.

Flood and Storm Deaths.—Two European women were electrocuted at Lydenburg, Eastern Transvaal, when a heavy storm severed electric wires. A number of natives have been drowned in the widespread floods which have resulted from the unprecedented rainfall in Eastern Transvaal. Nine were drowned when attempting to swim across swollen rivers. The town of Standerton is partially submerged.—Reuter.

Cape Town Two Words.—Cape Town, the seat of the South African Legislature, is to be written in two words, instead of one, as hitherto, according to a recommendation of the Place Names Department Committee here.



Returning from the east where he made underwater sequences for his latest Turzan picture, Johnny Weissmuller was met at Los Angeles by his fiancée, Mrs. Beryl Scott, as above. They plan to be married as soon as Lupe Velez, Johnny's former wife, gets her final decree in July.

Steel Is Banned In £100,000 Ship

IN October a sailing ship, built for the Admiralty at a cost of £100,000, will set sail for the Indian Ocean.

She is the Royal Research ship Research, soon to be launched at Dartmouth to make magnetic surveys vital to all who "go down to the sea in ships."

Research is brigantine-rigged, with a sail area of nearly 12,000 square feet. She will carry 6 officers, 4 scientists, and 22 petty officers and men.

Difficulty has been met in finding a youthful crew with experience of sailing ships, and her captain, Lieut.-Commander D. H. Fryer, R.N., has recently completed a voyage to Australia and back in a grain-carrying windjammer, as he says "solely for experience."

"Some of my crew will know nothing of a sailing ship," he said, "but they will learn as they go along."

Lieut.-Commander Fryer will command the scientific side of the expedition as well as the ship herself—thus keeping to a tradition founded by Captain Cook.

Research will collect data of magnetic variation, investigate atmospheric electricity, take meteorological observations—particularly in the upper air, with pilot balloons—deep-sea soundings, and perhaps study marine biology.

The results will be recorded on Admiralty charts, and will be available to the world.

Research herself must be non-magnetic. She is built almost entirely of wood and bronze, and the crew will not be permitted to carry steel pen-knives, nor to have metal buttons on their clothing. Even paper clips will be of brass.

Necessary steel tools will be kept far from the extremely sensitive (and very valuable) instruments—as will the crew's razor-blades!

Food—enough to last a year—will be stored in glass containers.

Cooking-stoves will be made of bronze, and aluminium pots and pans will be used. "The bath is of teak," the crew will "take a tub" in actual fact.

Girl "Healer" Charged As Quack

PARIS.

ANDREE MAUREL, a girl "healer" of 15, whose hands are said to possess a "curative fluid," was tried before the Albi Correctional Court recently on a charge of illegal practice in medicine.

A tall, thin brunette, she lives with her parents in their little chateau of Chalignon, near Albi, and has treated during the past year thousands of patients from the region of Toulouse and Montauban, where her reputation as a healer stands high.

She was not in the least intimidated when the judge said to her: "We are told that you cure patients by simply laying your hands on them and that you can even cure them at a distance, by laying your hands on their portraits. Is this true?"

The girl laughed and replied: "Of course it is true."

"CURED APPENDICITIS"

Asked how she or her parents discovered that she possessed such a curative fluid, Andree replied: "I was in a bad state of health about a year ago suffering from nerves. A doctor once suggested that I had an extraordinary fluid. I tried it on father, who suffered from appendicitis. I laid my hands over his stomach and he was cured."

She received patients in the drawing-room and sat in a magnificent armchair with a high gilded back—an archbishop's former throne, which Andree's mother bought from an antiquary.

"How much did you charge?" asked the judge.

"Nothing," she replied, "and I never expected a sou from poor people, but those who could afford it gave me 100 francs or 200 francs. Many presented me with 2,000 francs, even more."

The Public Prosecutor asked the Court to deprive Andree's parents of paternal rights and to have the girl sent to an institution for girls until she is 20.

The Union of Doctors of the department of the Tarn, at whose request the girl healer was prosecuted, are claiming 50,000 francs damages.

Empire Air Route To Be Filmed

The Empire air route to Durban will be the subject of a film to be directed by Stanley Hawes for the Strand Film Co., whose "The Future's in the Air," dealing with the air route to Australia, has been shown in more than 700 cinemas during the last two years.

Mr. Hawes is now flying to Africa. His arrival at Mombasa will coincide with the completion of another Strand film now being made for the Empire Marketing Board to show what Great Britain is doing for her colonies.

After shooting scenes in East Africa, Mr. Hawes and the unit will spend 14 weeks on the flying-boat route to Durban. The intention is to illustrate not merely the operation of the flying service, but the development and administration of the territories through which it passes.

Scenes will also be shot at Marseilles, Rome, Athens, Mirabella Bay and Crete, where the Imperial Airways yacht "Imperia" is stationed as a wireless centre for all flying-boats.



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RETURN OF ENVOY NOT "CLIMB DOWN"

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attempt to recourset the appeasement policy, and would point to Roosevelt's message as justification for it.

Appeasement Policy

Political quarters understand that President Roosevelt has no intention of being caught in this way. It is precisely the President's followers who have hitherto been the loudest in their opposition to appeasement, and it is said that on account of internal affairs, President Roosevelt could not afford to request unilateral concessions from Britain and France in order to placate the Axis.

While the appeasement policy existed, the press here hinted, it is believed with official inspiration, that the United States could not be indifferent to the suggestions of cessation of West African territories to the Axis on account of the accessibility of these areas to South America.

African Fears

Certain African associations, fearing the danger of falling under the Axis rule, have, it is declared, attempted to invoke the protection of the United States, quoting as an example America's interest in Liberia, and pleading for protection from the Nuremberg racial laws. Thus, although the United States Government disavows itself officially from territorial questions, there does exist certain backward areas which apparently could scarcely become the subject of negotiation without embarrassing the Government.

It is thought therefore, that Washington is likely to adhere to its liberal interpretation of President Roosevelt's proposals.—Reuter.

Roosevelt's Plea Attacked

Berlin, Apr. 24. Examining President Roosevelt's message in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" this evening, the editor Dr. Halffeld writes that if Germany doubts the suitability of President Roosevelt to play the part of an "honest broker," this is due to the recollections of intervention over 20 years ago of another President of the United States, who, in that case, desired to settle things on a basis of international morality and justice. Dr. Halffeld points out that if President Wilson's famous 14 Points had been fulfilled "there would never have been an economic boycott or unilateral disarmament of Germany." He continued: "There would have been no robbery of German colonies,

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no prevention of the Austrian Anschluss, no violent separation of millions of Germans elsewhere from their Motherland."

Personal Promise

The writer mentioned the contention that the Fourteen Points constituted merely a personal promise by President Wilson, which the Allies subsequently declined to ratify. He argued that, on the contrary, they represented a binding agreement on all the Allied Powers, as proved by the exchange of notes between the German Government and President Wilson prior to the armistice.

According to Dr. Halffeld, it is incontestable that the peace treaty was to embody the principles enunciated in the Fourteen Points, and the peace conference was to be confined to settling the practical details of the application of these principles.

In reality, the Fourteen Points were brushed aside entirely at the conference. The article concludes by observing that President Roosevelt must be fully aware of all the circumstances since the Under-Secretary of State in the Navy Department, and a member of President Wilson's Cabinet at the time of the armistice, and the negotiations which preceded it.—Trans-Ocean.

UNIVERSITY OPPOSED

Views Of Hongkong Professor In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 15. STRESSING the importance of Hong-Kong University, where he has been a professor for 27 years, Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, speaking at the Rotary Club to-day declared it would be "little short of a tragedy if a rival university were to be established in Malaya."

It would burden Malayan taxpayers with unnecessary expense and it would lessen the value of Hong-Kong University to China.

Professor Middleton-Smith is visiting his son, Mr. R. Middleton-Smith, of the Labour Department.

The speaker remarked that Hong-Kong University was a costly experiment for the Colony and a cause of considerable anxiety for every Governor.

"During my 27 years, we have had perpetual anxiety, concerning our finances," he said.

"That difficulty still worries the local authorities." The speaker stressed, however, the value of the University to China, saying it was also an Imperial asset.

DIPLOMATS SCURRY TO AND FRO

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hemp and flax, and the production of a substitute form of cotton and wool. The Minister replied that the plans could not be adopted in their present form on the basis of the treaty was not production for human consumption, but a series of "economic exchanges."—Reuter.

Departure From Rome

Rome, Apr. 24. The British Ambassador and Lady Perth left here this afternoon for London.

The Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and all heads of the diplomatic missions accredited to the Quirinal, were presented at the station to bid farewell to the Ambassador, who is retiring from diplomatic service.—Trans-Ocean.

Poland, Estonia Will Fight Together

Warsaw, Apr. 24. General Laidoner, Commander-in-Chief of the Estonian army, who has concluded a six days official visit to Warsaw, declared to-day that although Poland and Estonia were not bound by any treaty, nevertheless complete agreement prevailed between the two countries.

He stated that in the course of his conversations with General Rydz-Smigly and Colonel Beck, the Foreign Minister, that he found his views on the relations between Poland and Estonia were entirely shared by the Polish statesmen.

General Laidoner further stressed his belief that his impressions of the existing international situation were similar to those of the Finnish and Latvian governments.

Remarking on the firm determination of Poland to defend the country from attack from any quarter, General Laidoner said that it indicated that Poland did not intend to bind herself to any Power. That was also the standpoint of Estonia, who was about to construct a submarine flotilla for the defence of her shores.—Trans-Ocean.

MINISTERS FACE BARRAGE

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May 15, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the situation was being watched with very close attention.

Trade Negotiations

Referring to his recent visits to European countries, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, stated that trade negotiations with Soviet Russia would be inaugurated in Britain fairly shortly. His negotiations in Poland were successful in clearing up difficulties, but no further negotiations were in contemplation.

Replying to Mr. Clement Attlee, the Premier declared that there was no special significance in Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin. The Ambassador was called back to report, and after he had made his report, he was given a short period of leave. After expiration of that leave, Sir Neville Henderson went back in the normal course of his duty.

Asked if Sir Neville Henderson's return meant that the Government accepted the annexation of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "Certainly not."—Reuter.

STORE RATIONS, H.K. HOUSEWIVES ARE URGED

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and at the same time strongly emphasised, that all persons possessing such a store would be morally bound in an emergency to exist entirely upon it for one month.

This would leave available what otherwise would be their share of stores and fresh market produce, to supply the immediate needs of those who live almost entirely upon foods which could not be stored for any length of time, and for others who could not afford to follow the plan outlined.

EMPIRE NEWS

CRISIS AVERTED IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney. A joint meeting of Ministerial parties at Canberra, faced with the disintegration of the Ministry and a probable early election emphatically rejected the proposal to abandon the National Health Insurance scheme, but insisted that the measures must be entirely recast.

The Ministry has accepted the task of immediately reviewing the provisions. In a statement to the Press Mr. Lyons, Federal Prime Minister, said that new proposals would be drafted as soon as possible. The main reason for the proposal to abandon the National Health Insurance Act was the increased expenditure on defence. As reported yesterday, Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Attorney-General, Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for External Affairs, and Mr. R. G. Casey, Treasurer, were threatening resignation if the Cabinet persisted in the policy of abandonment.

Aircraft Building.—Although the R.A.F. mission in this country will not report for six weeks, the "Sydney Morning Herald" understands that it will recommend large-scale development of aircraft building here, till Australia can produce 1,000 planes yearly in war time, or from 300 to 400 in peace time, to satisfy the Air Force needs of Australia, Aden, India, Ceylon, Burma, Malaya, Hongkong and possibly, South Africa and New Zealand.

Exchange Rate.—The Commonwealth Bank denies that it is considering any variation in the overseas exchange rate.

SOUTH AFRICA

COLOUR BAR FOR RESIDENCE

Cape Town. It is reported that the Cabinet has agreed on the introduction of the colour bar principle in residential areas. Under the Government scheme, which will come before Parliament as a bill, separate residential areas for Europeans and coloured persons—including Indians—will be set aside, where a majority of the inhabitants of a township desire it.

The Cabinet has, however, refused to interfere with the political rights of coloured people, of whom there are nearly 800,000, most of them living in Cape Province, or to discriminate economically against the coloured races. There may be some stricter separation of European and non-European workers in factories.

These proposals are not nearly as drastic as those set out in the Nationalist petition to Parliament, which seeks to impose residential segregation without local option. The Cabinet plan is causing protests from the Asiatic community all over the Union.

RHODESIA

AFRICAN DEFENCE FEDERATION

Salisbury. The Tanganyika League Congress at Bulawayo, having formed an "African Defence Federation" resumed its agenda recently. The "Rhodesia Herald" says that to hand over to a potential enemy territory which could be made a threat to the whole of Africa would be so ludicrously foolish as to cast serious doubts upon the Empire's will to self-preservation.

Native forces are watching the confrontation of the democratic and totalitarian Powers, it says, and cession would strike an illimitable blow to British prestige throughout the Continent.

KENYA

INDIAN PROTEST AT EXCLUSION

Nairobi. Large processions of Indian men, women and children passed along the principal streets of Nairobi and Mombasa recently. Most Indian shops were closed as a protest against the implementing of the recent Order in Council excluding Indians from the Highlands.

The Indian Congress leaders decided to call to-day "Highlands Day." The processions carried banners with such wording as: "White racialism will drive India from the Commonwealth."

MOCKING BIRD

South Hadley, Mass. A Southern mocking bird has definitely made this his home, and drives off enemy starlings that challenge its rights. The bird regularly visits the Lovell Smith's feeding station and fights all comers that threaten the food supply.

FATE KIND, THEN UNKIND

Hornell, N. Y. Fate played a strange trick on Fred Green, a bus driver. Green's bus crashed into a parked car. He escaped without injury. While attempting to find the owner of the damaged car he slipped, and fell, fracturing a shoulder blade.

APACHE TRIBE GROWS

Tucson, Ariz. Although the extermination of the war-like Apache Indians was once thought to be the only means of making the Southwest safe and steps were taken to control their increase, recent figures show the tribe has increased by 50 per cent. since 1870.

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Formosa	Canton Maru	April 25.
Amoy	Cremer	April 25.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, Imperial Airways Plane		
19th April.		
Swatow	Prominent	April 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Taiyuan	April 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Talpa	April 25.
Straits	Acenes	April 26.
Manila	Anna Meerak	April 26.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	April 26.
Tientsin and Swatow	Nanning	April 26.
Manila	Pleasantville	April 26.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 30th March and London Parcels—London date, 23rd March		
Japan	Rajputana	April 26.
Haiphong	Toyama Maru	April 26.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, Imperial Airways Plane		
22nd April.		
Japan and Shanghai	Jean Laborde	April 27.
Haiphong, Peking and Fort Bayard	Kaying	April 27.
Japan	Lahore	April 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 7th April)		
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 1st April)	Pres. Cleveland	April 27.
Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	April 27.
Japan	British M/V Canton	April 28.
Shanghai	Kitano Maru	April 28.
Japan	Conte Blancmanu	April 29.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 21st April.		
Japan	Pan American Airways Plane	April 29.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tusima Maru	April 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilnegara	April 30.
Shanghai	Kumsang	May 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th March)	Hector	May 2.
Straits	Liens	May 2.
Japan	Tatuta Maru	May 2.
Shanghai	Van Heuts	May 2.
Japan	Nellore	May 3.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 4.
Japan	Santha	May 4.
Shanghai	Arabi Maru	May 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 14th April)	Conte Rosso	May 5.
Shanghai	Emp. of Japan	May 5.
	Glenapp	May 5.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Swatow and Chuanchow	Kingyuan	Tues. Apr. 25, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues. Apr. 25, 2 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anshan	Tues. Apr. 25, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Canton	*Canton Maru	Wed. Apr. 26, 7.15 a.m.
Haiphong	Yusang	Wed. Apr. 26, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Talsang	Wed. Apr. 26, 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Cremer	Wed. Apr. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Rajputana	Thurs. Apr. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Chekliang	Thurs. Apr. 27, Noon.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 10th May.	Emp. of Russia	Thurs. Apr. 27, K.F.O.
	Parcels	Apr. 27, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Parcels	Apr. 27, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
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	Parcels	Apr. 27, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 4th May		Thurs. Apr. 27, K.F.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due Sydney, 5th May		Thurs. Apr. 27, K.F.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
Saloon	Jean Laborde	Thurs. Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Thurs. Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri. Apr. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Chengtu	Fri. Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Kitano Maru	Fri. Apr. 28, via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 11th May.
	Reg.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Air France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"		Fri. Apr. 28, K.F.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, British m.v. Canton		Fri. Apr. 28, G.F.O. and K.F.O.
Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th May.		Reg., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 29, 5.45 a.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways British m.v. Canton		Sat. Apr. 29, G.P.O. and K.F.O.
Direct Service—due Amsterdam, 9th May.		Reg., Apr. 29, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 29, 10 a.m.
Swatow	Prominent	Sat. Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Wosang	Sat. Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Manila	Conte Blancmanu	Sat. Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban	Montevideo Maru	Sat. Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 6th May		Sat. Apr. 29, K.F.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.F.O.	
	Reg.	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 30, 7.30 a.m.
Sunday		
Fort Bayard, Peking and Haiphong	Kingyuan	Sun. Apr. 30, 9 a.m.
Foochow	Nanning	Sun. Apr. 30, 9 a.m.

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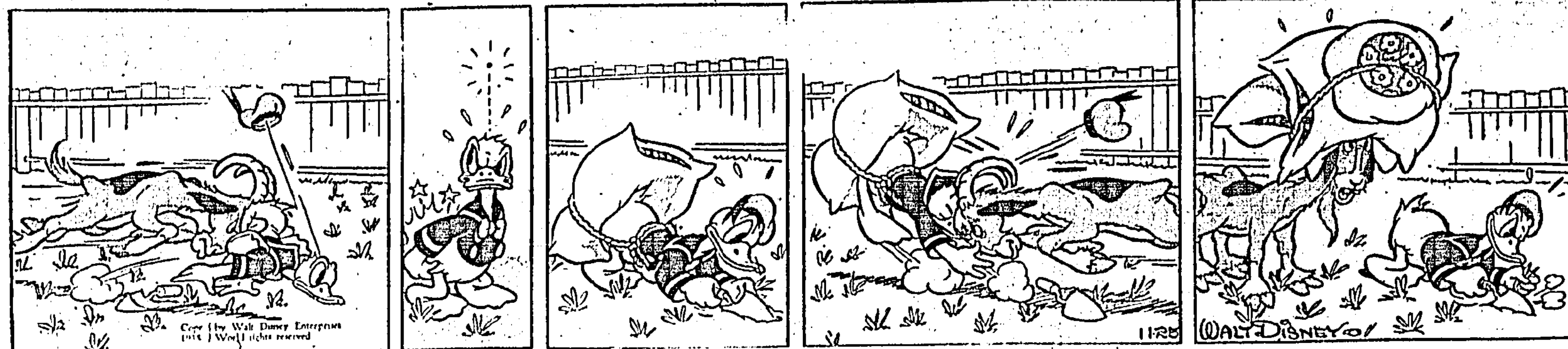
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OBITUARY

Conscientious Objector During War

London, Apr. 23. The Member of Parliament, Mr. Morgan Jones, aged 53, died here to-day from a heart attack.

He was imprisoned during the world war as a conscientious objector.—United Press.

Mr. Morgan Jones was an ex-school teacher who had represented the Cymru Division for Labour since 1921.

He joined the Independent Labour Party in 1901 and held minor posts in teachers' organisations until the Great War. He was a conscientious objector and went to prison for his principles, besides being deprived of his position as a teacher. Re-instatement to his post was later refused and he worked underground as a colliery labourer.

He was elected to the Glamorgan County Council in 1919 and became a Member of the National Council of the I.L. Party in 1920, serving for two years. He was a member of the Council of the University of Wales at the same time. In 1923 he acted as Labour Whip, and for five years from 1924 was Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Education. From 1931 onwards he was Chairman of the Select Committee of Public Accounts. During 1933 he also belonged to the Joint Select Committee for Indian Constitutional Reform.

DR. B. LILLIE

Noted Shanghai Briton Killed in Accident

Shanghai, Apr. 24. Doctor Beltram Lillie, B.Sc., London, Director of the Institute of Technical Education in Shanghai was killed and his wife seriously injured in an accident in Shanghai to-day, details are not yet available.—Reuter.

CARDINAL MARIANI

Secret Chamberlain To Pope Pius X

Vatican City, Apr. 23. The death is reported here of Cardinal Domenico Mariani. Cardinal Mariani was born in 1863 at Pavia, in the province of Rieti. He was ordained at St. Peter's Basilica after ecclesiastical studies at the Vatican Seminary, and Roman Magister. He was for several years, Canon of St. Peter's Basilica. In that capacity, he carried out vast projects for increasing the grandeur of the Great Cathedral. His Eminence held numerous confidential posts in the Vatican, including that of Secret Chamberlain to Pope Pius X. In 1917 he was created Secretary of the Administrative Commission for Property of the Holy See. Despite his high position, he personally directed the religious instruction of future ecclesiastics for approximately 30 years in various Roman institutes. In 1930, he accompanied Cardinal Depietro to Carthage, to represent the Vatican at the International Eucharistic Congress. The red hat was conferred on him by Pope Pius XI at the Cistinary of December 19, 1935.—United Press.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Although prices generally were fairly well maintained, the volume of business was on a restricted scale, giving the appearance of a 'wait and see' policy.

Buyers	
Canton Insurance	\$220
H.K. Docks	\$100
H.K. Docks	\$100
H.K. Lands	\$250
H.K. Tramways	\$100
Telephones (Old)	\$210
Cement	\$120
Entertainments	\$100
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2	Loan \$30
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2	Loan par
Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,300
Prudential	\$400
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$300
H.K. Hotels	\$400
H.K. Tramways	\$100
Antoniades	\$300
Atkins	\$300
North China	\$300
I. X. L.	\$240
Hogans	\$240
San Francisco	\$240
United Paracels	\$60

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

Secretary-General On Visit to South

Charged with the mission of dovetailing Y.M.C.A. work in the interior, Mr. Liang Siao-chu, Secretary-General of the Chinese National Y.M.C.A. Federation, arrived in Hongkong yesterday on the first leg of an investigation trip to south-west and north-west China.

In an interview, Mr. Liang said the purpose of his trip is threefold, to investigate general Y.M.C.A. development in the interior, to establish two new Y.M.C.A.s at Paochi and Lanchow, and to promote the wartime activities of the various organs under the National Federation.

Mr. Liang's itinerary includes Kunming, Kweichow, Chungking, Chengtu, Hanchuan, Sian, Lanchow and finally Paochi, the western terminus of the Lunghai railway. It is expected that the trip will take about three months.

Mr. Liang stated that the National Federation since last year has been most active in the establishment of new Y.M.C.A.s in interior places.

Writings service by Y.M.C.A. workers was explained by Mr. Liang. A group of over 200 indefatigable college professors, university and high school students, and trained experts, are attending to the multifarious task of aiding and entertaining wounded soldiers, giving relief to war victims and training the people along communication lines, at railway stations and behind the front.

Mr. Liang declared that the entire programme of war zone service entails an outlay of some \$300,000, which the Government authorities have appropriated \$100,000.

Mr. Liang is scheduled to leave Hongkong for Kunming on April 29.—Central News.

LABOUR SHORTAGE

German Agriculture Faces Problems

Grave concern is felt by the German Government for the future of the nation's agriculture, which, although the basic industry of Germany, has fallen upon difficulties during the past year or so.

The demands of the fighting services for sturdy young men, and of industry for workers to arm those services and carry out the Four-Year Plan, have now drained the country districts of workers to such an extent that even a high official of the Reich Food Board is led to ask, as he does to-day, whether the struggle to make Germany as nearly as possible independent of foreign food supplies has come to a standstill.

According to official admissions, German agriculture lacks 800,000 farm workers. The result is that it is virtually impossible for the farmer to obtain hands for the work of maintaining an increasing agricultural production, so that the demands of the Four-Year Plan in that sphere have fallen on him and his immediate family alone.

Here Gustav Hebrum, head of the Food Board, supports this statement by citing the case of a 100-acre farm in Mecklenburg which is now worked, for lack of labour, by the farmer and his wife alone. This state of affairs, it is emphasized, is not confined to a few districts, but exists throughout the Reich.

Cattle Dispositions

The result of this lack of workers is that farmers have recently been selling their cattle in large numbers. Even more serious than this, however, is the effect of over-work on the rural population. One of these effects is, it is admitted, a sharp decline in the birth-rate in country areas, either because hard manual labour produces miscarriages or because peasants deliberately avoid having children as causing too much extra work.

The health of the young people has also suffered. When the 60 pupils of an agricultural school in Saxony were examined recently only seven proved to be physically sound, and four of these were town children.

The extra work which must, in these circumstances, be done by German countrywomen is a matter of particular concern to the authorities. The burden is falling more and more on the main arm in many old women. No fewer than 500,000 women aged 60 or more are now working as full-time farm labourers in Germany, with a working day which begins at 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning and continues until the late evening.

The authorities are now investigating the question of providing capital for groups of farmers to enable them to buy labour-saving machinery which would be used by all members of the group. Every possible means will be used also to prevent a further flight to the cities of farm workers, and even, where possible, to bring workers back to the land.

Demands of Industry

That in Berlin at least the demand for industrial labour is not satisfied, in spite of the influx of countrymen, is shown by the report for 1938 of the Berlin Chamber of Industry and Commerce, which appeared to-day. In this city the rate of increase of industrial production fell off last year, chiefly on account of lack of labour.

Attempts were made to maintain increased production by taking workers from the less busy industries and training them for a new trade, by lengthening hours of work, and by drawing upon female labour to an increasing extent, so that even married women with families could get half-time employment in factories.

These measures were successful inasmuch as the level of production was, generally speaking, maintained and even slightly increased, although it is admitted that many factories are now working at maximum capacity and that no more can be expected of them.

While the home market for Berlin goods remained extremely active, the export trade declined in 1938. This is attributed partly to the lack of efficient travellers and representatives of German firms. According to the report there are virtually no young men in Germany willing or able to enter that profession and the representatives already abroad were so overworked as to be unable to undertake further duties.

NEW TOKYO MAYOR

Mr. Kikuchi Tanomasa, Director of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, was elected the 17th Mayor of Tokyo on Sunday.—United Press.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1889. About once a month we register a blood-curdling oath on the accumulated files of the Telegraph to the effect that the very next time our compositional staff expurgate us by their inconvincible idleness of spelling we will appeal to our readers, by publishing the paper with all its errors on its head. We don't know that we shall do it, some day, but in the meantime we will get even to some extent by reproducing, in a portion of a familiar recitation, as "set up" the other day by a compositor:

THE BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOON Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, as his corse to the ramparts we hurried, not a soldier discharged his farewell shot o'er the grave when our hero we buried.

We buried him doubly at dead of night, The sods with our bayonets turning, By the shuffling moon-beams' misty light, And the lantern dimly burning.

No muffled drum enclosed his breast nor in shroud we wound him, But he lay like a warrior taking his rest, With his martial cloak around him.

Few and short were the prayers and said, and we spoke not a word of sorrow, But we steadfastly gazed on the face that was dead, and we bitterly thought of the morrow.

25 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1914. Mr. Lloyd George is to introduce the Budget next Thursday.

The new and direct telegraph cable of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company between Singapore and Hongkong, the laying of which by the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Co.'s s.s. 'Colonia' has been in progress since the 12th instant, was satisfactorily completed yesterday, the final splice being made at a point about 260 miles south of Hongkong.

10 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1929. Chinese reports from Canton are to the effect that Kwangtung has decided to wage war against Kwangsi, and that military movements are already being carried out in accordance with this direction.

5 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1934. In a day of uproar during which many were shot down in clashes between Specials and civil guards in Spain, churches and convents were set on fire and public buildings bombed, plan warning was given by Senior Gil Robles, the youthful leader of the Fascist organisation, the Catholic Popular Action Party, of plans by the Fascists to seize power.

The threat carries with it the menace of serious bloodshed. Senior Gil Robles indicated an expectation that a Fascist coup would be followed by a revolt by the Socialists and Syndicalists. "If there is a revolution in the street," he said, "we shall go down to the street."

GANG WAR SUSPECTED

Two Men Found With Pipes Filled With Cement

Alleged members of a Triad Society were charged before Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy yesterday with possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose at Third Street, West Point, on Sunday. They were Chiu Leung, 19, and Wan Sheung-pun, 17.

Sgt. Macvey said Chiu was arrested by a Chinese detective with two lengths of iron piping in his possession. Both the pipes were filled with cement. Shortly afterwards another detective arrested Wan, who had two lengths of piping, similarly loaded with cement.

Questioned at the station both men said they were going to meet an opposing gang in Smithfield, Kennedy Town, for a fight but the gang did not appear. The police, said Sgt. Macvey, suspected that defendants were members of a Triad Society. Had anyone been hit by the iron pipes, serious injuries would have been caused, as they were extremely heavy.

Both men declared in Court that they were merely on their way to give the pipes to friends. They said the station told at the police station had been forced on them because they had been assaulted by the police. Chiu and Wan barred their arms to the Magistrate, who however, said he could see no marks of assault on them.

The men were sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Delayed Mail Due This Afternoon

The delayed Home mails are expected at Kai Tak this afternoon by the Imperial Airways Delphinus.

At 5.30 p.m. yesterday the Delphinus reached Hongkong with Australian and Malayan mails, and the following passengers: Mr. J. Castelnau, on his way to Manila on business, Mr. H. Augusten, German business man returning from a short trip to Hanoi, and a Japanese Mr. Ito.

RE-FUELLING PLANES

Imperial Airways to Use British Bombers

On board the s.s. Beaverford sailing from Southampton for Montreal recently were two converted Harrow bombing planes en route to Botwood, Newfoundland, where they will be used as refuelling tankers for Imperial Airways' Atlantic flying-boats this summer.

Four members of Sir Alan Cobham's Flight Refuelling Staff, who will man the tankers, also sailed. Two former R.A.F. officers, Flight Lt. H. C. Johnson and Flight Lt. J. Atkinson, will be in command of the aircraft. Flight Lt. Johnson has already arrived in Canada.

The Harrows are large, high-wing, two-engined monoplanes, 83 feet long with a wing span of 87 feet. They were flown from Ford, Sussex, to Hamble near Southampton, where they were dismantled. The hulls were placed aboard the Beaverford by means of a floating crane, and lashed to the decks of the freighter. They will be taken to Fairchild Airport Montreal, where they will be reassembled and eventually flown to the Newfoundland Airport at Botwood.

It is anticipated that Imperial Airways will commence trans-Atlantic operations as soon as Botwood Harbour is completely free from ice. The flying-boats of the Cabot Class which will be utilised for this service are all equipped for being fuelled in mid-air in order to increase their range without reducing their payload. Two other tankers meanwhile are being prepared for use at the Shannon base in Ireland.

The operation is carried out by means of a 200 foot rubber hose through which petrol flows from the tanker to the flying-boat at the rate of 120 gallons a minute. 1,000 gallons of petrol will be poured into the flying-boats tanks in this manner. The operation is carried out while the aircraft are travelling at about 125 miles an hour, and can be successfully accomplished at any height and in any but the most severe weather.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 6 a.m. April 25; Imperial Airways 6 a.m. April 26. For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C., service indefinite. For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: China Clipper 8.30 a.m. April 29. For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. April 29.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 25; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 27. From U.S.A., via Guam, and Manila: China Clipper 12.30 p.m. April 29. From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kakei: C.N.A.C., Eurasia Service indefinite. From France, via Hanoi: Air France 1 p.m. April 29.

Bachelor, 91, Plans Secret Wedding

Perth. MR. MELVILLE GRAY, wealthy 91-years-old bachelor, of Bowerswell House, Perth, announced recently that he is to be secretly married "somewhere in the south-west of England" to Miss Ada Katherine Julius, middle-aged daughter of the late Mrs. Rev. Churchill Julius, Archbishop of New Zealand.

"I am looking forward to bringing my bride back to my home and settling down," he said.

Mr. Gray met his bride-to-be 40 years ago when she was a schoolgirl in New Zealand and he a prosperous sheep farmer. They became friends. When Mr. Gray returned to his home 23 years ago they continued their friendship by post.

A month ago Miss Julius came to London from Christchurch, New Zealand. Mr. Gray hurried to London and proposed.

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Intro: News in a million years; Will you remember? I've got beginners' Luck; Smile when you say goodbye; It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; Let's call the whole thing off; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. 1.13; Intro: On Treasure Island; Thanks a Million; The Music does Round and Around; Some Other Times; A Little Bit Independent; Goodnight Sweetheart.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music.

Tango—Questa Notta Ti Diro; Waltz—Coronation Waltz....Monsieur and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trot—No Regrets....Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel; Subject: "An Article Clerk in the City of London Thirty Years Ago." Speaker: Mr. C. B. Brown, A.C.A.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Between a kiss and a sigh; (b) Could be; (c) I'm madly in love with you; (d) Miss Annabella Brown. 6.14 Record: Accordion Parade—Medley.

Intro: Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together; It's a Sin to Tell a Lie; Touch of your lips; Alone; Poor Little Angelina; These Foolish Things....The Piano-Accordion Virtuoso with Vocal Chorus.

6.21 (a) Deep in a Dream; (b) Grandma Said; (c) Garden of the Moon; (d) Avonlea.

6.35 Records: Stay Close To Me—Waltz (film 'Mazurka'); Love's Romance—Slow Fox-Trot....Fred Stein (Piano); Many Happy Returns Of The Day (film 'Music Hath Charms')....Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Ride Tenderfoot Ride; (b) When the Heather is in Bloom; (c) Loch Lomond; (d) Madhouse. 7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.02 Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

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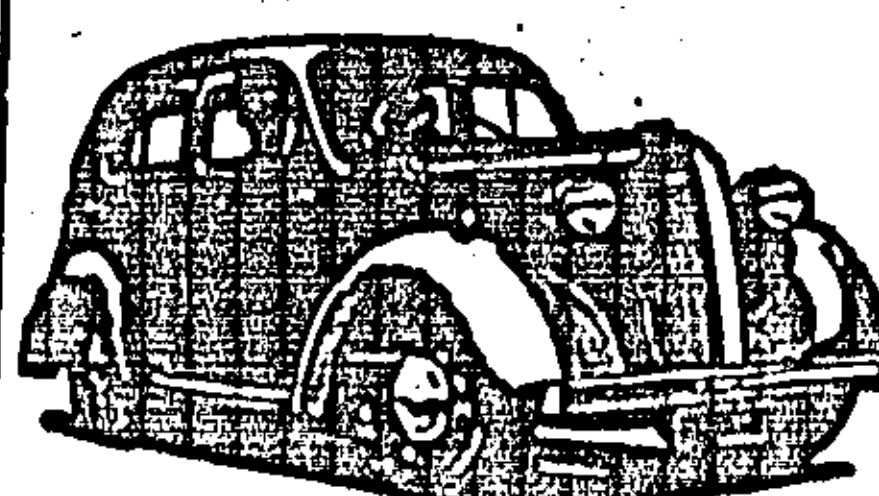
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DEATH

LING.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, on Tuesday, April 25th, 1939, Beatrice Augusta, beloved wife of Dr. Ling Kie-dieh. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, 26th April, 1939.

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City Chaos

IT HAS not needed investigations which have been carried out by the "Telegraph" over a period of several days to disclose that the traffic problem in Hongkong has become completely chaotic.

During observations since last Thursday, it has been found that an average of between 80 and 100 private vehicles illegally park in the streets of the city between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Existing car parks are so filled to overflowing that a mad scramble ensues for empty spaces long before the average motorist is due at his office.

Unless urgent measures are taken by Government, the only possible outcome of the present situation is complete traffic chaos.

It is quite evident that the problem of illegal parking is already beyond remedy by the traffic authorities, since it is manifestly unfair to prosecute motorists who have no alternative but to infringe the regulations.

The number of private vehicles seeking parking accommodation in the city streets is far in excess of the space available.

Twelve months hence, the problem, unless immediately faced, will lead to a complete dislocation of existing methods.

The occupation of the centre of the city's thoroughfares has necessitated, in the case of one roadway, the banning of two-way vehicular traffic. In Pedder Street it leads to a dislocation of traffic that is already a serious problem on its own.

For the present situation, Government has itself to blame.

The policy of utilising the city's streets as car parks has led to the chaotic conditions now ruling. Now, with saturation a fact, Government must either allocate other streets and thus add to the existing confusion, or radically alter the entire system.

Motorists themselves must admit that Hongkong is one of the very few cities in the world where free car parking is permitted in streets.

The obvious method is to abolish this system.

The alternatives are to construct enclosed "skyscraper" car parks on allotments off the streets, utilising the modern method of elevators for transportation from floor to floor, or to construct underground parks which will not interfere with mobility on the streets.

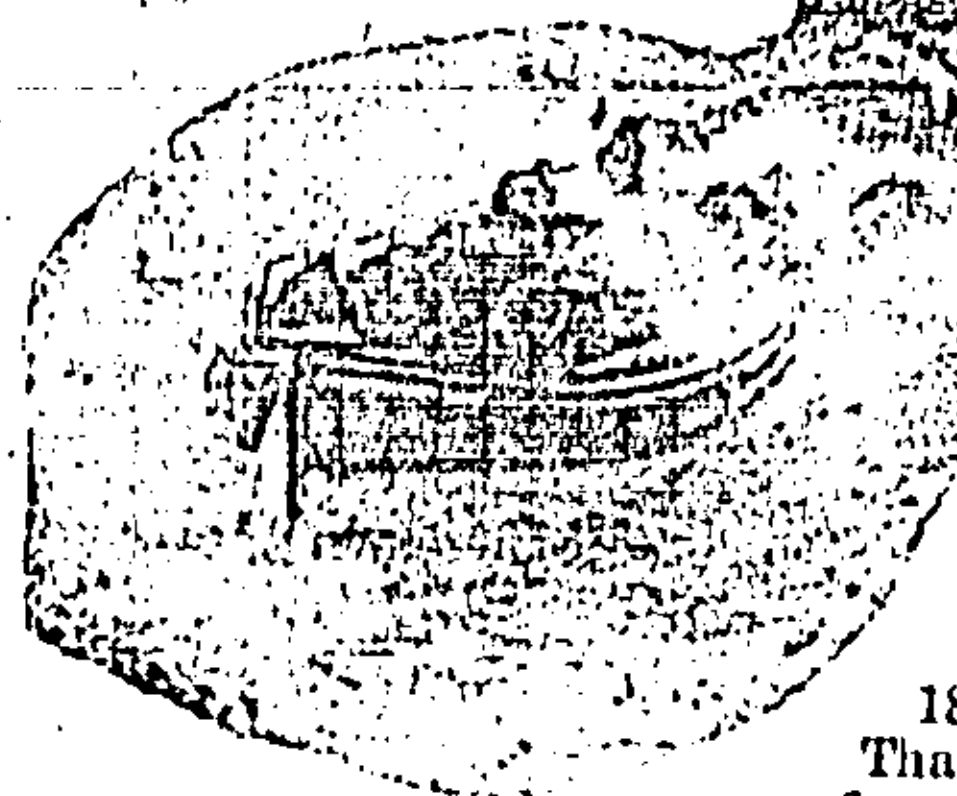
In this connection, the old City Hall site or Beaconsfield Avenue suggest themselves as ideal positions for the former plan.

The alternative plan of digging or tunnelling would probably be more acceptable to this Colony, in view of the fact that such garages could rapidly be converted into air raid shelters in times of emergency.

Private enterprise would quickly solve the Colony's traffic problem if Government would end the competitive system of permitting free parking in the streets. At the risk of incurring the wrath of the Automobile Association, we contend

The Story Of The Brave MEN OF THE SEA

Yesterday a brief "Reuter" cable told of the death of six lifeboatmen. But for every lifeboatman drowned 160 other men are saved by Britain's lifeboat service. This article tells the story of that service.



The Original was used at Bamburgh, on the the cruel Northumbrian coast, until, in 1830, she broke in two. That was the beginning of a service which to-day controls 140 motor lifeboats; 24 pulling and sailing lifeboats; a fleet of 164 craft that cover key-points of the entire coast of Great Britain and Ireland. The cost of the boats runs from £5,000 to £10,000 per craft; upkeep varies from £400 to £600 a year.

The modern type of boat is 51ft. long, has a range of 120 miles without refuelling, has a speed of 9 knots, carries a crew of 8, and has capacity to carry 100 passengers.

THE service which to-day requires a quarter of a million pounds annually (recruited from voluntary subscription) was officially incorporated with central control in 1824. Then Colonel Sir William Hillary, Bart., who had seen wreck after wreck, flogged by the breakers of the Irish Sea, crash on the rocks of his native Isle of Man, wrote a pamphlet calling for the organisation of such a service.

On the committee formed as a reply sat Wilberforce, the man who freed the slaves; the then Archbishop of Canterbury; Canning, formulator of the Monroe Doctrine; Peel, originator of the police force; Premier Lord Liverpool; Lord John Russell. It received support—one of his proudest achievements—from George IV. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution was a fact.

Six years later Hillary himself went to sea. He headed a crew of 14 and took out the lifeboat that was not yet ready to sail. But a ship had crashed on the rocks, and he would not, could not, refuse the challenge.

They reached the wreck; they took off the crew. As they sailed back he and three of his fellows were swept overboard. They, in turn, were rescued, and when Hillary came to land he had six ribs broken and his chest "stove in."

The institution he had founded awarded him its gold medal, the V.C. of the Peaceful Seas.

THE institution was founded, but it made little headway. In 1838 Grace Darling's superb exploit from the lighthouse on Farne Island awakened a momentary interest, but it was not until 1849, when a lifeboat capsized in the mouth of the Tyne, that the public really awoke to the crying need for an efficient service. At that time the R.N.L.I.'s funds were £354 p.a.

Then the fourth Duke of Northumberland offered a hundred guineas for the design of a ship. The winner incorporated Wouldhave's plans and the first self-righting lifeboat was bought by Ramsgate.

To tell the epic of the service would be to fill with anonymous heroism every page of every issue for a month and still leave half untold.

In 1861 the Whitby lifeboat went out six times in one day, and capsized with the loss of all hands on the last journey.

In 1914, when all lights were extinguished on account of the war, a hospital ship was wrecked near the same port. One local pulling and sailingboat went out twice in a raging gale; two nearby lifeboats were towed out by trawlers, but could not live in the sea. A third craft was lowered bodily down sheer bulk or all of its hands are lost; cliffs, by rope, by hand—but but the proudest of all the could not make headway against proud boasts of the R.N.L.I. contained in the cold mathematical equation: One lifeboatman lost—160 men of other ships saved.

The Tynemouth boat was 44 miles away. Within 16 minutes of the call she was out; within

7 hours she was in Whitby; she went out at once and saved the 50 who had survived the 48-hour ordeal.

The Lowestoft boat once went out and stayed out for 17 hours; the average age of the crew was 53; two of the men were 72.

In 1925 men and women of Boulmer (Northumberland) towed the lifeboat nine miles overland. They covered it in seven hours and got the boat afloat.

The men that do this work? Sailors who volunteer for a few shillings of pay paid by piece work. Only the cox gets a retainer: £12 a year. The engineer is a permanent official. The men have a sliding scale (in which the cox shares in addition to his retainer), ranging from 12s. 6d. for a day launch in summer to 56s. 6d. for a day and night session in winter. If a man loses his life on lifeboat work, his dependants receive the equivalent of a Service pension. The R.N.L.I. told me that extra grants are made in cases of appalling danger. The bill for personnel amounts to £50,000 a year.

MORE than 60,000 men, women and children have been saved by the lifeboats of Britain since they were organised. Last year, there were 483 launches, saving 88 vessels, helping 250 ships, saving 637 men.

The R.N.L.I. have distributed 118 gold, 1,000 silver, 200 bronze medals—and they do not award sometimes, as yesterday, as St. Ives last year, and as in 1928 at Rye, a lifeboat and the was lowered bodily down sheer bulk or all of its hands are lost; cliffs, by rope, by hand—but but the proudest of all the could not make headway against proud boasts of the R.N.L.I. contained in the cold mathematical equation: One lifeboatman lost—160 men of other ships saved.

Gerald Haylett

Great Spirits in Poor Bodies

By a Wimpole Street Doctor

IT is a curious thing that, although we call ourselves civilised, we should attribute such an exaggerated importance to our bodies.

Naturally we should endeavour to keep them healthy, clean, and suitably covered, but apart from that, surely the only thing that really matters is the essential ego which inhabits the body.

It is that which determines whether we are clever or stupid; good companions, or crashing bores; kindly or selfish; and it is these qualities that decide whether our fellows will like or dislike us.

Although we all know this in our hearts, such is the influence of purely physical appearance that some trifling infirmity or deformity can change a man's life or decide his destiny. The extraordinary thing is that this tremendous psychological force is created entirely by the individual. He is not moulded by public opinion, but by himself.

Up till quite recent times those who were physically afflicted were objects of scorn and derision. The hunchback, the cripple, the blind, and the insane were all regarded as Nature's jokes provided specially to entertain the rest of humanity.

Triumphs Of Will

It is the racial memory of the cruel indignities that upon those unfortunate that makes us so acutely self-conscious of any personal infirmity.

There is no doubt that, with the correct mental outlook, a physical infirmity can be an immense force for good. It is no mere coincidence that the man who has become a great President of America should have been handicapped by half-withered legs. He must originally have possessed immense will-power, but it was the terrific determination necessary first of all to conquer the infantile paralysis that struck him down and secondly to remain absolutely normal in every spiritual respect in spite of his infirmity, that converted him from a great man into a colossus.

If Philip Snowden had not, as a young man, been the victim of a cycle accident that crippled him for life, would he have developed into one of the leading statesmen of modern times? The pain from which he was never free made him as inflexible as steel in public life. Yet he did not allow it to mar his character, because his friends knew him as one of the kindest men who ever breathed.

Handicaps Overcome

No matter how cruel a physical handicap may be, it can be overcome so long as the possessor does not allow it to become a psychological blight. There was a brilliant young surgeon who lost an arm in the Great War. His whole heart and soul was in surgery, but even a "genius" cannot operate with one hand.

His career was finished, and few would have blamed him if he had blown out his brains, or drifted into the gutter.

Instead of doing anything so weakly foolish, this man took up the study of skin diseases, and is now one of the world's leading dermatologists. Perhaps the only branch of healing in which the loss of an arm is not an insuperable handicap. That is Professor F. J. Burgess, of McGill University, Montreal.

The late Sir Arthur Pearson triumphantly demonstrated to the world that even the affliction of blindness need be no bar to success. He is, in fact, remembered to-day for the work he did for the blind after losing his sight.

With inspiring examples like these before us, why should some of us be so absurdly sensitive about physical faults? Why should we allow them to transform us into cringing, shy, apologetic creatures, or else make us tiresomely aggressive? They have not the slightest effect on the essential spirit that dwells within us.

There are a number of reasons. Perhaps the most important is selfishness. We have been made to suffer and we are going to take jolly good care that everyone else suffers as well. Or we may find that our infirmity attracts attention, so to keep in the limelight we continually make a parade of it. Or perhaps we disavow it arouses sympathy, so we unblushingly exploit that sympathy in order to benefit personally.

This selfish attitude defeats itself speedily; before very long we become psychological lepers who deserve segregating from the rest of humanity.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

European Outlook

Forecast

CHINESE DIPLOMAT HOPEFUL

Signs Of Peace A Year Hence

London, Apr. 24. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador, speaking at a meeting of the Manchester China Relief Committee, thought that in another year's time, whether there is an international war or not, we shall see signs of a peaceful settlement. The influences contributing thereto were the heaviest fact that the European nations were at last beginning to resist aggression, as indicated by Mr. Franklin Roosevelt sending the American fleet to the Pacific and Mr. Neville Chamberlain's promise that China will be kept in mind in forming a combination of countries to resist aggression, also that the Japanese people, against whom China had no quarrel, were beginning to get war-weary. The Japanese militarists, however, would not give up their designs of conquest yet. Meanwhile the Chinese people would carry on the fight with redoubled energy.

Mr. Gordon Thompson, Secretary of the British China Relief Fund, said that every advance or retreat of the Chinese troops meant more suffering. His appeal for 50,000 field dressings by the end of April has been already met. Manchester contributed 17,000. He has appealed for another 50,000. —Reuter.

AMBASSADORS' VISIT

London, Apr. 24. Asked by Mr. Gallacher in the House of Commons what Sir Robert Craigie and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr discussed in their recent meeting in Shanghai, Mr. R. Butler said that Sir Robert Craigie made the trip with the primary object of taking a short period of leave. He took the opportunity of comparing notes on a number of matters of common interest with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, routine visits to the headquarters of the Government to which he is accredited. No special significance need be attached to this.

Mr. Gallacher asked if Mr. Butler was prepared to make a statement regarding support for the heroic Chinese who are repelling the Japanese and Mr. Butler replied that the general attitude of the Government on this matter is well known. —Reuter.

Japan

Festival Of The Black Ship

Tokyo, Apr. 24. With thousands of prominent Japanese and American citizens in attendance, together with 20 officers and men from the American cruiser Astoria, the "Black Ship Festival" was held this afternoon at Shimoda, Shizuoka Prefecture, in celebration of the coming of Commodore Matthew C. Perry to Japan in 1853.

An address from the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hiroshi Arima, was read to the Parliamentary Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Tomesaburo Shimizu.

The address reads: "To-day we are gathered at the port of Shimoda, a place closely bound with Japan's foreign relations at the dawn of her modern history, to fittingly observe the Black Ship Festival."

"It is with a deep sense of admiration that we recall the grave services rendered by many of our forebears and by Commodore Matthew Perry and the Consul-General Mr. Townsend Harris. Their noteworthy contributions will long remain fresh in the memory of the Japanese people."

"Thanks to the foresight and courage of our leaders during the closing days of the Tokugawa Shogunate, Japan was able to pursue the right course and open her doors to foreign intercourse despite the grave diplomatic situation and the clamorous opposition of that time."

"At a time when the international political situation is more complex than ever before, and the state of affairs in East Asia is such as to call for our increased determination, it is indeed most gratifying to our Government and people that the foundation of friendly relations between Japan and America, established during 1853, is being further strengthened."

"This is amply reflected, I believe, by the great courtesy shown by America in providing the American cruiser Astoria to transport the ashes of the late Mr. Hiroshi Saito."

"Availing myself of this opportunity, it is my pleasure to give voice to the sentiment of the entire people of Japan and pay their respects to President Franklin Roosevelt, to Capt. Richmond K. Turner and to the officers and men of the Astoria, and at the same time to express on behalf of my Government an assurance to America of their profound gratitude."

Britain

Compulsory Military Service Unlikely

London, Apr. 24. Press comments this morning indicate that the decision whether military conscription is to be introduced in Britain cannot be delayed much longer. It is generally believed, however, that there is little chance of such an introduction especially owing to the persistent opposition of the Labour Party.

The papers hint at the strong pressure exercised by France and the British Government for speedy introduction of military conscription in Britain and point out the good impression such a British step would make in the smaller European countries.

The Daily Telegraph states that several Cabinet members are in favour of forced service for able-bodied men between 18 and 20. —Trans-Ocean.

KING'S THANKS

London, Apr. 24. Lord Munster speaking to 2,000 national service recruits said that he has been commanded by His Majesty the King to say how greatly he appreciates the patriotic service they were rendering.

The Football Association are to ask all the 216 clubs in membership to play their part in the new drive for national service recruits. It is intended that players should join territorial units as clubs so that they can remain together for training. —Reuter's Bulletin.

YUGO-SLAVIAN VISITOR

Malta, Apr. 24. The 1,210-ton Yugo-Slav destroyer Beograd recently built in France has arrived here on a four-day visit. —United Press.

GIBRALTAR CONSERVES

It is announced that the export of certain foodstuffs has been prohibited in Gibraltar except under licence.

The object of the prohibition is to ensure that a sufficient reserve of stocks of all essential foodstuffs will be available at all times, as the Controller of Supplies will determine. —Reuter.

AMERICAN'S VIEW

Chungking, Apr. 24. Doctor T. J. Orchard, Professor of Economic Geography at Columbia University, now visiting Chungking, in an interview with United Press stated, "Fervent activity is going on in Malaya and the Straits Settlements in preparation for a prospective war in Europe, which will probably result in Japanese aggression in this area."

Dr. Orchard said that all able-bodied men had been formed into a protective corps and were drilling strenuously. There were also plans for immediate evacuation of all women and children to Australia.

"However," he added, "the men are prepared to fight to preserve their plantations and homes." —United Press.

SINGAPORE GIFT

Singapore, Apr. 24. The Legislative Council approved the gift of £1,000,000 for imperial defence. This is in addition to the usual contribution of £750,000. The Governor expressed the appreciation of the British Government, and said that the Commander-in-Chief of Malaya would recommend that the money be spent on the local volunteer defence force.

The food control bill was also read a second time. —Reuter's Bulletin.

NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, Apr. 24. Mr. Savage, Premier of New Zealand, in an interview, hinted that a force of 50,000 may be required for New Zealand defence.

Mr. Savage declared that the first thing "we have to do in order to help Britain is to help ourselves."

"The Government, he said, is determined to do its part as a unit in the defence of the Empire." —Reuter Special.

Germany

HITLER'S "NO" TO ROOSEVELT

Berlin, Apr. 24. The press forecast that Hitler's speech in the Reichstag on Friday would reject President Roosevelt's proposals. "We need no mediator and definitely not this one," says one paper. —Reuter Bulletin.

REPLY BY EGYPT

Cairo, Apr. 24. According to the newspaper Al-Ahram, Egypt has received an enquiry from Germany regarding her sentiments on the question of aggression.

Egypt replied that she was not informed of President Roosevelt's message to Hitler and Mussolini beforehand.

It was added that while deeply interested in safeguarding her integrity she naturally welcomed any undertaking of non-aggression. —Reuter.

NORWAY'S REPLY

Oslo, Apr. 24. Norway answered the questionnaire set by Germany in the same sense as those received from other smaller Powers. She declared that the country has no fear of a threat from Germany, but said that if a general war broke out Norway would feel to be in danger therefrom. —Reuter Bulletin.

Assault In Wanchai

Some excitement was caused at 11:10 p.m. yesterday when a young Chinese was suddenly set upon by six persons on Hennessy Road near Tin Lok Lane.

The incident was witnessed by many pedestrians, a number of whom attempted to arrest the assailants, who, however, managed to escape.

The victim, Lai Kwo-wai, 24, was subsequently taken to the Queen Mary Hospital by the Fire Brigade Ambulance, with injuries to the body. He was, however, not detained.

The notice of the attack is not known.

Yugo-Slavia And The Axis

Marcovic Going To Berlin

Paris, Apr. 23. It is pointed out that Italy is endeavouring to adjust relations between Hungary and Yugo-Slavia and following the Venice conversations, the Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, M. Marcovic, will proceed to Budapest to sign a new agreement for rapprochement with the Hungarian Government.

French circles confirm that Yugo-Slavia's accession to the anti-Communist pact has been discussed between the Italian and Yugo-Slavian Foreign Ministers at Venice. Prince Paul, the Prince Regent of Yugo-Slavia, will pay an official visit to Rome at the end of May. —Domei.

TRIUMPH FOR AXIS

Berlin, Apr. 24. The results of the Tito-Yugo-Slav talks at Venice are viewed here as a triumph for the Axis powers, and a further success in their campaign to shatter the policy of encirclement.

Berlin morning papers carry headlines "Encirclement Agitators Turned Down. Intervention Efforts Fail." —United Press.

Reich Diplomacy

Berlin, Apr. 24. A second dose of "axis persuasion" is in store for M. Marcovic, Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, when he arrives on April 26. Official circles evidently place great hopes on the visit.

Little secret is made of the fact that Germany's programme is to increase intimacy with the Balkan countries, taking the form of an "anti-encirclement bloc."

While political quarters have little doubt about the participation of Hungary, and even Bulgaria, a special effort is being made to bring in Yugo-Slavia. The Nazis will probably tell M. Marcovic that Germany gives full support to whatever Italy chooses to regard as her living space in the Adriatic. They may also raise the question of German minorities in Yugo-Slavia and Croat opposition, in a form which would inevitably remind M. Marcovic of the peculiar similarities between Yugo-Slavia and the former Czechoslovakia.

"Yugo-Slav circles here anticipate that M. Marcovic will do his best to maintain a neutral and non-committal attitude." —Reuter.

Rumania

LEITH ROSS MISSION ARRIVES

Bucharest, Apr. 24. The Leith-Ross mission arrived in Bucharest in what observers consider a serious effort to prevent Rumania falling under Germany's exclusive economic hegemony. They believe that Britain's best chance for success lies in two paths—to increase the volume of British-Rumanian trade, probably by subsidies, and to invest in long term Rumanian industries.

It is believed that the Leith-Ross mission goal is to achieve in the economic domain the same influence that Britain gained in the political domain by guarantees of Rumania's independence. Some political quarters are asking themselves if Britain has not arrived too late. —United Press.

CONVERSATIONS BEGIN

London, Apr. 24. M. Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, began his talks this morning when he called at the Foreign Office to see Lord Halifax. He will see Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The Minister was accompanied by two secretaries, but no commercial experts.

Trade discussions between Rumania and Britain, however, will begin at Bucharest to-morrow where the Leith-Ross mission is due to-day.

It is not known whether M. Gafencu will have conversations with Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade. It is understood that a formal meeting has not been fixed yet. —Reuter.

LEITH ROSS MISSION

London, Apr. 24. Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, head of the British trade mission to Rumania, said that the visit was made at the suggestion of King Carol when he invited England recently. The object was to increase trade in both directions. —Reuter's Bulletin.

Sir Frederick added that as Britain is a free country for trade,

Shanghai

BRITON'S FACE IS SLAPPED

Shanghai, Apr. 24. It is understood from a reliable source that a Japanese navy man slapped the British Assistant Commissioner of the Municipal Police, Mr. A. D. Samson, in the course of an argument at the General Hospital following a Japanese bus and motor car collision in which Mr. Betram Lillie, a Britisher and Principal of the Lester School who had returned from England to-day, was killed, and Mrs. Lillie and a British sergeant of the Municipal Police, R. J. Wimsitt, were seriously injured. —United Press.

Mystifying Movements Of Ambassador

Chamberlain To Make A Statement

London, Apr. 24. To Neville Chamberlain's expectation to make a statement in the Commons to-day on Sir Neville Henderson's unhindered and almost secret departure for Berlin yesterday. It is understood that the departure was the result of important discussions the Ambassador had with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax in the past 48 hours.

The impression in political circles is that Sir Neville left with special instructions and may return to London again to report to the Cabinet after Hitler's speech in the Reichstag.

The Ambassador's mystifying departure threatened this morning to overshadow M. Gafencu's conversations with Lord Halifax. While his return will be found to be fully in line with the Government's policy of the past few months nevertheless it is authoritatively stated that Sir Neville would not return to Berlin. —United Press.

DECREASED TENSION

Paris, Apr. 24. The news that Sir Neville Henderson has returned to his post in Berlin has made a most profound impression in French political circles, and is regarded as confirmation of the increasing relaxation of international tension.

Whether the French Ambassador, M. Robert Coulondre, will now return to Berlin is difficult to ascertain. —Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH PRESSURE

Paris, Apr. 24. The question of introduction of conscription in Britain, M. Gafencu's visit to London, and the Anglo-Soviet conversations occupy the attention of the press.

"The hour to introduce conscription to Britain has come," declares Pertinax in L'Ordre, while Dornes writes in Figaro, "Undoubtedly there is no more important question than whether to take a decision." Le Jour states that the time has surely arrived for Britain to build up an army personnel capable of doing justice to her magnificent war material.

Both Pertinax and Kerillis (in L'Epoque) note the importance of the talks with Russia. Kerillis writes that if Britain concludes an alliance with Russia, Hitler will again adopt a wait and see policy. —Reuter.

JAPAN'S DEAD

Heroes Honoured At Famous Shrine

Tokyo, Apr. 24. With the spirits of 10,388 war heroes enshrined there, the extraordinary spring festival of the Yasukuni Shrine to the memory of the officers and men killed in connection with the China Affair began to-day.

A ceremony to mark formal opening of the festival was observed in a solemn atmosphere before the sanctuary of the Shrine at 8 a.m.

In the presence of Viscount Aridono Chigusa, Master of Ceremonies, acting as the proxy of His Majesty, the Emperor, and many high officials of the Government, the Army and the Navy, Mr. Suzuki, the Chief Priest of the National Shrine, advanced prayers before the spirits of the National heroes.

About 30,000 relatives of the enshrined lined up in the ground in front of the sanctuary. Admiral Genzo Hukutani, Chairman of the Festival Committee, Lieutenant-General Seishiro Itagaki, the War Minister, and Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Navy Minister, presented gifts on the sacred stand.

As members of the bereaved families offered their prayers, military and naval bands played requiem masses to close the formal ceremonies on the first day.

Relatives of the war heroes who assembled from all parts of the country to attend the Festival rites, are permitted by the Emperor to visit the Imperial Garden at Shinjuku. The first group of 1,300 viewed the cherry blossoms in full bloom in the Garden this afternoon. —Domei.

Increase of Rumanian imports into Britain would not in any way prejudice Empire and Dominion trade. —Reuter Bulletin.

Shanghai Suicide

Shanghai, Apr. 24. An American businessman, Mr. J. Rosenfeld, committed suicide here to-day in his office, with a Shanghai Volunteer Corps service revolver.

He left a note explaining that the motive was "financial troubles." It is understood that he was particularly depressed over his fur business which faced bankruptcy because the Japanese have taken over control of the northern fur sources.

He is survived by his wife and child. —United Press.

China

FURTHER LOANS PREDICTED

Chungking, Apr. 24. Dr. T. J. Orchard, of Columbia University, said that he believed that more British and American loans to China would be made in the future.

He said, "Economists regard these loans as political rather than economic expedients."

"I am amazed at the amount of industrial activity in Western China," he said that he believed that Chinese economists recognise that the economic development of the west was a "war stop-gap," and when the hostilities ended industries would move back to the coast and to other areas where transportation was more easy and where there was a greater supply of raw materials available.

He said that he did not believe that Western China would ever be a great economic centre.

"However," he continued, "China will certainly have a greater industrial activity after the war ends as a result of this construction."

If China maintains her sovereignty for foreign capital in the form of machinery and heavy goods.

Dr. Orchard stated that American capitalists would certainly be willing to supply these goods.

Informed circles outside China had told Dr. Orchard that Britain was making an effort to mediate in the war at present and there were some circles that feared that Britain might sacrifice China's interests in an effort to maintain her own interests and protect Hongkong, Singapore and Burma.

"What I have learned here," concluded Dr. Orchard, "indicates that China at present is unwilling to mediate on these terms."

Dr. Orchard said that Britain will carefully watch the diplomatic steps with regard to the Far East, because she does not want to antagonise the American pro-British public, which would not stand for a "sell-out" of China.

Dr. Orchard is considered one of America's authorities on Far Eastern economics and he is the author of several books on Far Eastern questions. After visiting Kunming, Hainan, Hongkong and Shanghai, he plans to go to North China, Manchuria and Japan to study economic questions in those areas. —United Press.

Australia

Mr. Menzies Chooses His New Cabinet

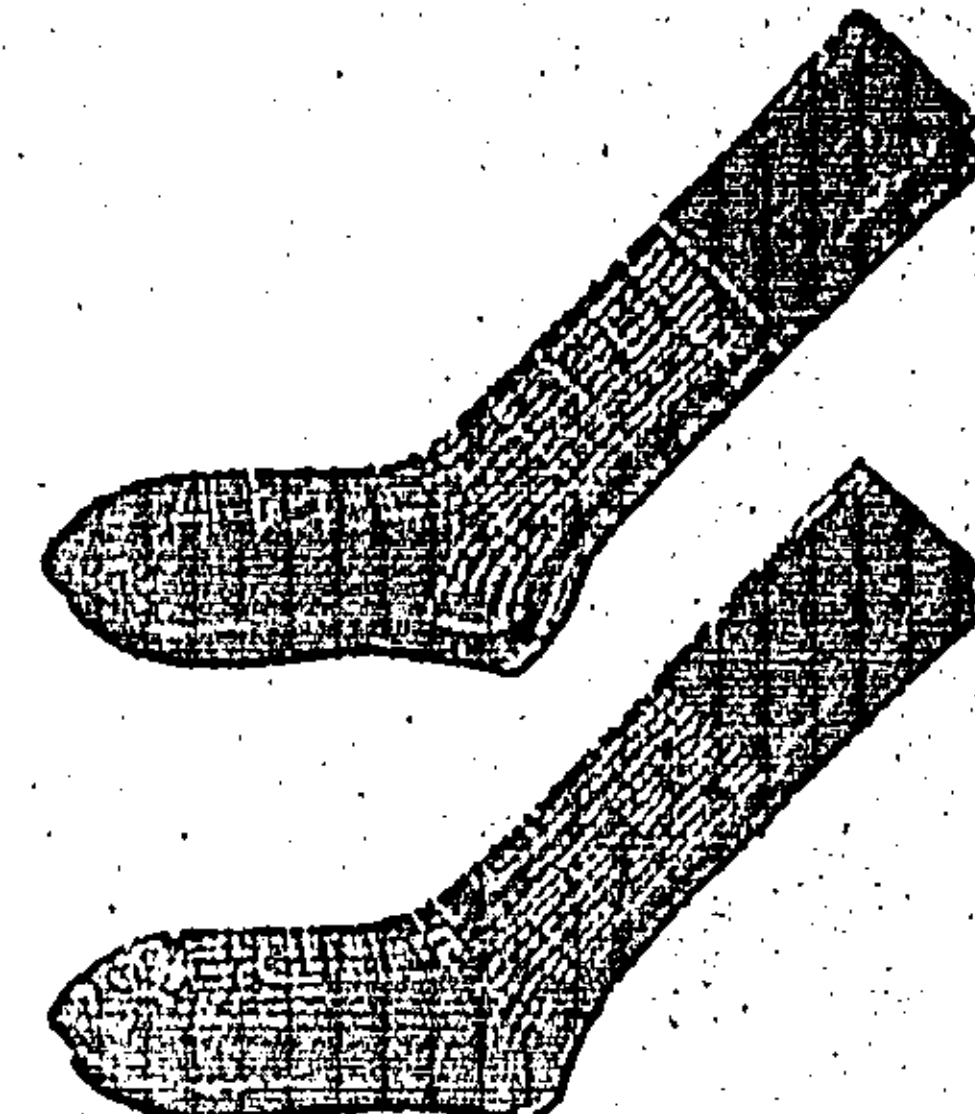
Melbourne, Apr. 24. The new Australian Cabinet includes the following: Premier and Treasurer, Mr. R. D. Menzies; Attorney-General and Minister for Industry, Mr. W. M. Hughes; Supply and Development, Mr. R. G. Casey; Defence, Brigadier G. A. Street; External Affairs, Sir Henry Gullett; Interior, Senator, S. Holt; Health and Social Services, Sir Frederick Stewart; Commerce, Senator McLeay; Vice-President of Executive Council; Civil Aviation and Assistant Defence Minister, Mr. V. Fairbairn; Postmaster-General and Repatriation Minister, Mr. E. J. Harrison; Customs and Trade, Mr. J. N. Lawson. —Reuter.

The new cabinet has been chosen following the appointment of Mr. Menzies as Prime Minister after the sudden death of Mr. Joseph Lyons.

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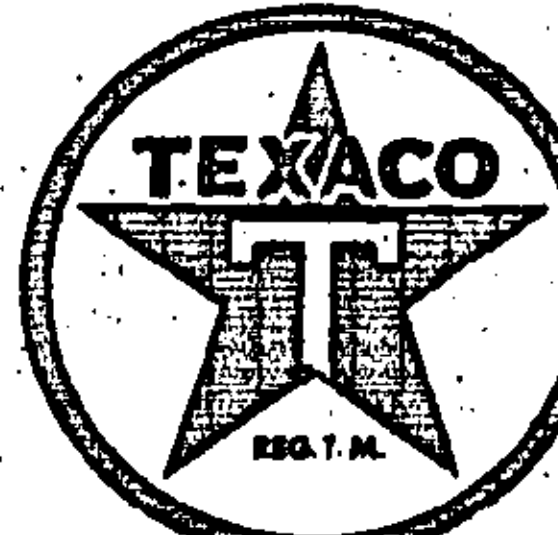
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MADRID WEDDINGS

Madrid, Apr. 24. Madrid during the next two months will witness something like 650 weddings each day.

The reason for this is that the ecclesiastical authorities have strongly exhorted all these young couples who were married at the registry office during the Republican regime to go through a church ceremony. Owing to the shortage of priests

BISHOP OF LONDON

London, Apr. 24. The King has nominated the Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Bishop of Chester, for election as Bishop of London in succession to the Right Rev. A. P. W. Ingram, who is retiring. —Reuter Bulletin.

In Madrid, arrangements have been made for collective weddings. —Trans-Ocean.

TAME ENDING TO QUARTER-FINAL TENNIS MATCH



TUSSELE FOR THE BALL between Sid Fowler, the English outside-right, and a Portuguese defender in the International Hockey final played at King's Park on Sunday. England won by two goals to nil after the worst match of the 1939 series.—Staff Photographer.

EARLY PROMISE NOT KEPT UP BY HO KA-LAU

Tsui Yun-Pui Improves After A Shaky Start

(By "Abe")

For just a while yesterday it seemed that the stand court match between Tsui Yun-pui and Ho Ka-lau in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship might end in an upset. The former, who was expected to win, was playing very badly and the latter was surprisingly good in the first four games, all of which he won; but the state of affairs did not last, and the favourite improved to win with an ease which contrasted strangely with the even play of the first set.

The final scores in favour of Tsui were 7-5, 6-0. While there was absolutely no doubt of his ascendancy in the second set, he was somewhat lucky to annex the first though in fairness to him one must say that the manner in which he fought back from a bad start was deserving of the highest praise. Until he changed his racket after losing the first four games, he was extremely tentative in his stroking whereas he went almost gaily to his points, revealing a confidence which seemed to bode ill for his younger opponent.

Helped along by the erratic play of Tsui, Ho had an easy passage in the opening games and in a very short time had established a lead of 4-0. Then Tsui changed his racket, and from this stage onwards Ho's merry progress was checked.

Nevertheless, Ho was twice within a point of going to a 5-1 lead. Each time he was pulled back, and taking advantage of the respite, Tsui not only won this important sixth game but also the next two to square matters. He was not yet finished, and won the ninth to lead 5-4, but this was the end of his success. Tsui won nine games in a row to take the first set at 7-5 and the second to love.

In the second-set Ho was completely outclassed by a player who, after a shaky start, was now riding on the crest of the wave. There was no more of that hesitancy which had marked Tsui's play in the opening games, and his driving and volleys bore the hall-mark of a man who had regained his confidence and was now showing his real qualities. In the circumstances Ho's fight became a hopeless one.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

The first semi-final match of the current championships will be decided to-day when Tsui Wai-pui (Chinese) meets S. H. Rumjahn, many times former champion. This meeting of old rivals should produce a good match. Most judges of the game are of the opinion that Tsui

is head and shoulders above anybody else in the singles tournament, and he should win to-day. But Rumjahn, as is well-known, is a great-hearted player and never admits defeat until the last point has been lost. Furthermore, he is celebrating the 20th anniversary of his participation in the Colony tennis championships, and may be relied upon to give a good account of himself.

The match will start at 4.30 p.m.

ENGLISH SOCCER RESULTS

London, Apr. 24. Matches played in the English Football League to-day had no bearing at all on promotion and relegation.

The following were the results:

SECOND DIVISION	
Coventry	0 West Ham
Chesterfield	0 Fulham
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Queens P.R.	1 Clapton O.
Walsall	5 Swindon
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Hull City	3 Gateshead
Stockport	3 York

IRELAND WINS AT HOCKEY

Defeating Scotland by two goals to nil on April 1 in Dublin, Ireland won the international hockey championship for the third year in succession. Both teams played well but the Scottish goalkeeper, McEwan, gave a very fine exhibition in the first half.

The two Scottish full-backs covered well, but the visiting forwards did not get going properly. McDougall scored the first goal for Ireland. The two Irish full-backs played their usual sound game, and the centre-half, Coulson, played so well that this must have been his finest game of the season. Of the Irish forwards McDonough was very good, as also was McVeagh, the Irish captain. The other Irish forwards were not so good though Bowden scored Ireland's second goal cleverly. The Irish goalkeeper was in brilliant form.

Result: Ireland 2, Scotland 0.

The final table is as follows:	
	P. W. D. L. F. A.
Ireland	3 3 0 0 5 0
England	3 2 0 1 5 2
Scotland	3 1 0 2 2 4
Wales	3 0 0 3 2 8

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

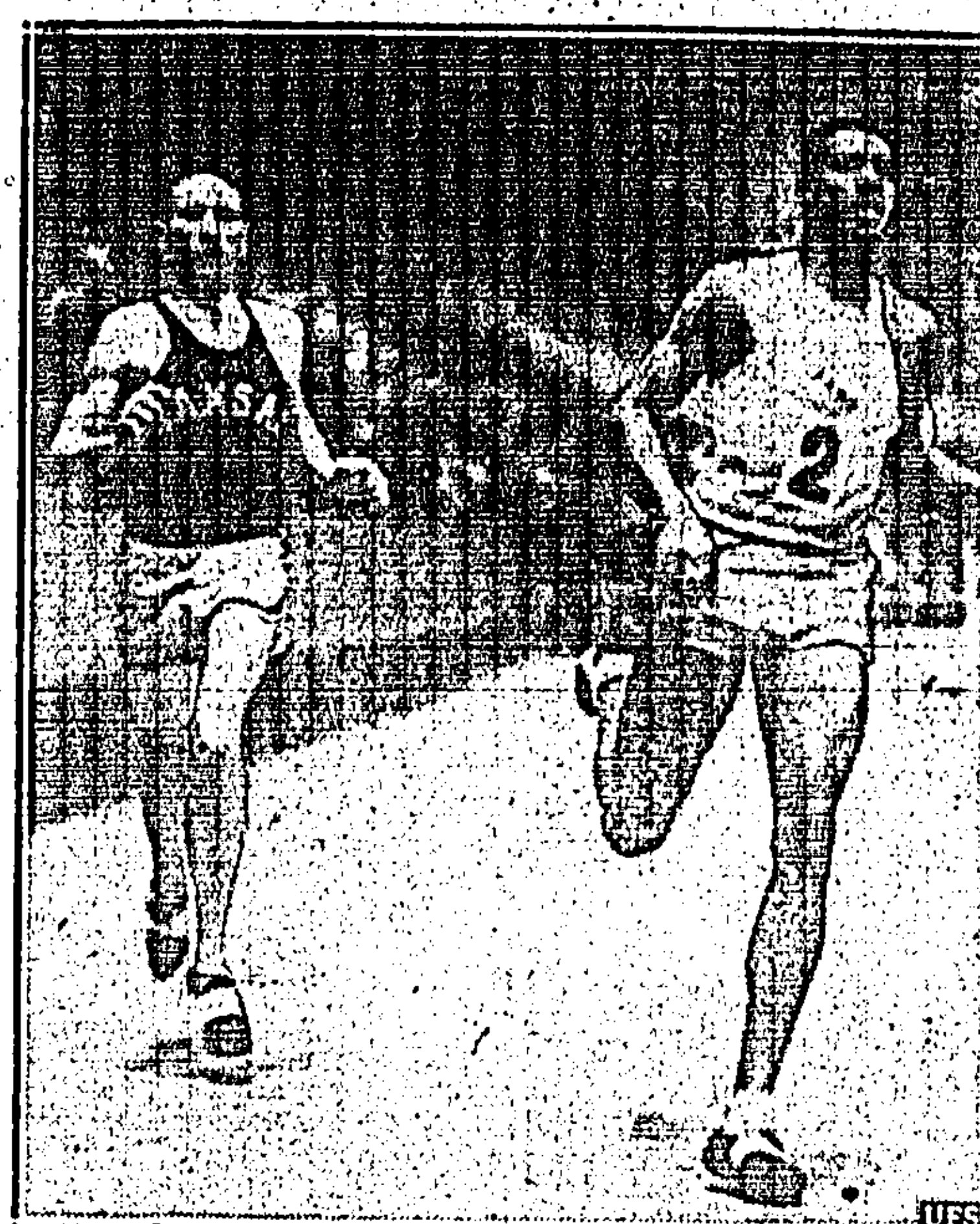
London, Apr. 24. Several Rugby League matches were played to-day, the results being as follows:

Salford	2 Broughton	2
Huddersfield	23 Keighley	0
St. Helens	4 Halifax	25

—Reuter.

TRACK RIDERS' ESCAPE

Santa Rosa, Cal. Apr. 17. A terrible accident in which twelve drivers were injured occurred in a dirt track race here yesterday when two cars crashed into each other, skidded wildly across the track, and caused sixteen other cars to smash into them. Although most of the cars were completely destroyed, there were no drivers killed.—Havas.



WORLD MARK—Borican boating Cunningham at the K. of C. track moat, New York, with new world mark of 2:08.8 for 1,000 yards. Starter protested, saying Borican boat gun.

Hongkong F. C. Have Only Two Teams In Lawn Bowls League 'B' Side Withdraws: Second Division Fixtures Revised

(By "Abe")

The Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association has officially been informed that the Hongkong Football Club are entering only two teams in the League instead of three as they had originally intended.

As a result of this decision by the Hongkong F.C., fixtures in the Second Division have had to be revised completely. At first, the Hongkong F.C. had two teams in this division; now they have only one. Teams participating in the Second Division of the League are requested to note the re-arranged fixtures for the opening week. The official fixture cards are now in the course of being printed and will be ready sometime during the week. Their appearance has been delayed as the result of the revision in the fixtures following the withdrawal of the Hongkong F.C. "B" team.

First and Third Division fixtures are not affected at all. For the information of clubs, the following are the fixtures for the first two weeks of the League:

APRIL 29	
First Division	
Kowloon Docks	v. Civil Service C.C.
Police R.C.	v. Kowloon B.C.C.
Indians R.C.	v. Kowloon C.C.
Second Division	
Civil Service C.C.	v. Kowloon B.C.C.
Tai Koo R.C.	v. Craighower C.C.
Kowloon Tong	v. Kowloon F.C.
Hongkong F.C.	v. Police R.C.
Third Division	
Kowloon B.C.C.	v. Stanley
Kowloon C.C.	v. Kowloon F.C.
Hongkong F.C.	v. Kowloon Electric
Craighower C.C.	v. Hongkong Electric

(Yacht Club no match)

English Amateur Golf Tournament At Southport

Southport, Apr. 24. About 250 players are participating in the English Amateur Golf Championship on the Birkdale course.

The first round was played to-day. The really surprising result is thought to be that in which E. B. Tipping, former runner-up, was beaten by H. L. Graham by one hole.—Reuter.

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LATEST GOSSIP FROM HOMESIDE SPORTS FIELDS

Cup Competition Suggested For Third Division Teams

London, Apr. 10.

A CUP competition for the whole of the Third Division of the Football League may replace the present Northern and Southern Section cup tournaments. These have been failures this season and every club taking part has lost on the matches. The new proposal to run one competition for both sections will be discussed on the eve of the Cup Final, April 28, when officials of the two groups meet in London.

WHEN Albert Brown, John Oakes and Sam Bartram reach Durban during the F.A. tour of South Africa they will do a job for their manager. In 1929, when Seed was captain of the last touring side, he planted a tree behind the stand on the Durban Test match ground, where the never-ending timeless Test was played. This is done by the captains of all touring cricket and football teams. The Charlton manager has asked his three players to water the Seed tree and to report to him about its growth.

THE Davis Cup lawn tennis tie between Great Britain and New Zealand in the second round of the European zone, has been provisionally fixed for May 11, 12 and 13 at the Sussex County Lawn Tennis Club, Brighton. New Zealand's team will be C. E. Maffroy, D. C. Coombe, A. D. Brown and N. V. Edwards. Edwards has not been in this country before, but is the present champion of New Zealand.

NORTHAMPTON Town had no luck on April 8. In the train on the way to Southend, McCullough,

the right-back, was taken ill and the team had to be rearranged, with Thayne at right-back and Barrett at centre-half. Then, after only seven minutes' play, left-back Russell fell awkwardly and broke his right leg. He was carried from the field on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

HOW'S this for a record? In the Glasgow Junior Challenge Cup tie between Shawfield and Ashfield at Glasgow, six penalty kicks were missed.

MR. Frederick Hart, a traveller of Cambridge on April 8 caught a young fox by hand between Milton, Hunts, and Emsworth, Cambridgeshire. He handed it over to the Cambridgeshire Hunt Kennels at Caxton. He saw the fox run into a hedge and grabbed it by the tail. It snarled at him, so he released his hold and stunned it and put it in a box.

BILL McCracken, the Aldershot manager, has suggested two innovations to the Football Association. The first is that all footballs should be pumped up to a standard pressure

Racing

Latest Calls-Over For Classics

London, Apr. 24.

The following is the call-over for the Derby:

13/2 Blue Peter (o), 7/1 (t)

17/2 Fox Cub (t and o)

100/8 Signal Light (t and o)

100/7 Fairstone (o)

10/1 Dhool (t and o)

20/1 Wheatland (t and o)

25/1 Romeo II (t and o)

—Reuter.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, Apr. 24.

The following is the call-over for the Two Thousand Guineas:

9/2 Blue Peter (o), 5/1 (t)

11/2 Fox Cub (t and o)

100/15 Dhool (t and o)

5/1 Rogerstone Castle (o)

100/12 Fairstone (t and o)

100/9 Romeo II (o), 12/1 (t)

100/8 Wheatland (o)

100/8 Dispenser (o)

100/8 Admiral's Walk (o), 100/7 (t)

100/7 Casanova (o)

100/6 Tamworth (o)

Signal Light is not running in the Two Thousand Guineas.—Reuter.

(Just like tyres on a motor car) and that all League grounds should be standardised as regards length and breadth.

THE Household Brigade Steeplechases at Hawthorn Hill have been unlucky in weather both this year and last. In 1938 the two-day meeting had to be abandoned altogether owing to the ground being too hard, and the first day this time the ground was almost too soft and horses had no easy task both in taking off and landing on the sodden ground. The second day was cancelled on this account.

GEORGE Allison of the Arsenal Club thinks footballers are adequately paid. Writing in the Sunday Express he remarks:

"In certain cases some clubs could afford to pay higher wages to their players but I doubt if many people will argue that a footballer receiving a maximum wage of £5 per week during the playing season, of £20 per week during the close season, plus bonuses and benefit money is badly off. Included in the suggestions put forward by the Players' Union is one concerning an increase in talent money, or bonuses, if you prefer the word. Again let me express a purely personal opinion. I have always held the view that success should be suitably rewarded, but I am definitely against the bonus system. I don't believe in paying a player a certain amount of money for winning this or that match. It is his mission to give of his best whether in the hour of victory or defeat."

TORQUAY United are having a bad time. You can gather the enthusiasm for the club among the townspeople when at a public meeting called to launch a scheme of subscription to the issue of 50 shares, only about three dozen people turned up.

THERE is hope for the elderly golfer. Sandy Herd on April 24 will be seventy-one, yet he is again competing for the British Open championship at St. Andrews. A noble effort this, for it is exactly fifty-four years since he played in his first Open championship at St. Andrews, at the age of twenty. How times have changed! Nowadays there are upwards of 550 competitors compared with the odd fifty or so when Sandy first entered. Every one will, I am sure, wish Alexander Herd well in this, perhaps his final, championship at the head-quarters of the game. And, knowing him, he will be as enthusiastic to acquire himself as well in 1939 as he was in 1900.

BAD refereeing has been blamed for a great deal of the rough play in League football this season.

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NANCY



Henry Armstrong Looks Forward To His Scheduled Fight With Ernie Roderick

Certain He Will Get A Square Deal From English Boxing Crowd

(By Henry Super United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Apr. 14. Henry Armstrong snapped the lock on the last trunk, rushed to a doctor's office to have the plaster cast removed from his left hand, and announced that he was all set for his first fistic expedition to England.

The little perpetual motion man from Los Angeles, champion of the lightweight and welterweight divisions, sails to defend the welter crown on May 22 in London against Ernie Roderick, the British champion, and "to have some fun."

It will be one of the largest fistic migrations in years with a party that includes Armstrong, his wife and baby daughter; brother Harry; manager Eddie Mead and his wife; Eddie Walker, another manager and friend of Mead's; and Chalky Wright, one of Walker's fighters.

Armstrong, who injured the knuckle on his left forefinger when he defended the welter-title for the sixth time with a 12-round technical knockout victory over Davey Day, wasn't worried. He was too excited over the prospect of his first ocean trip.

Henry said, "That suits me fine, because I like to work against that kind of an opponent."

How about the English officials—was Henry worried over the fact that the referee renders decisions and that there are no judges?

"No. Other Americans have gone over there and got a square deal. I know my style is a little different from what they are used to in that I like to fight in close and keep crowding. But I think perhaps it might make a hit with the English crowd because they've never seen that style of fighting before."

Armstrong, whose left hand was put in splints to-day, hopes to pick up some spare change appearing in exhibitions if his hand gets in shape soon enough.

NOT WORRIED

HUGE GUARANTEE

He was guaranteed \$9,400 for the Roderick fight and, if by chance he should lose the welterweight title he still would have the lightweight crown left. And he will pick up a neat pocketful of change defending that one in August against the man he won it from, Lou Ambers.

"They tell me Roderick is a stand-up fighter and a hard puncher,"

"Supposing you lose to Roderick?" Ambers was asked.

"I'd just lose the title," he responded. "And you can't laugh off the kind of dough I'll get, win or lose. I won't stay around and try to regain it either."

"I'm not worrying. I've got an amount put off. I own some property in Los Angeles. And I'll pick up more cash in London and against Ambers this summer."—United Press.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 6th May, 1939 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; The Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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LOCAL YACHTING

Ladies' Corinthian Race Won By True Blue

The following were the results of a Ladies' Corinthian race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 8.3 miles.

Finished	Pos.
True Blue (Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)	1
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King)	2
Artemis (Miss H. Whitlam)	3
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)	4
Redshank (Mrs. M. N. Luce)	5
Koula	D.N.F.
Guri	D.N.F.

CYCLING CLUB

Week-end Run To Taiipo Proves Enjoyable

Over 30 cyclists turned out for the week-end trip to Taiipo and Toyuen-tung and the outing proved the most enjoyable yet experienced.

The party left Kowloon at 9.15 a.m., and a puncture on the ascent to the reservoir found everyone ready to assist with repairs. All succeeded in riding the hill, but the next from Shatin to Chikniping was covered afoot to conserve energy for later activities. In spite of a strong headwind and a moderate pace, the Taiipo Market was gained at noon, and a further half-hour's trek across the countryside brought the cyclists to their venue, the bathing pool at Toyuen-tung.

A slow puncture (suffered by the only lady rider present) provided an excuse for frequent halts on the homeward run, which the wind made much more comfortable than usual.

The Hongkong Cycling Club's programme for this week includes the usual mid-week spins from the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Road, Wanchai, starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, and 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, the latter for Shik-O. On Sunday next, the Club will leave the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. for Clearwater Bay.

Netherlands Win Soccer Game

Amsterdam, Apr. 23. A crowd of 55,000 witnessed a well-balanced encounter to-day, when the Netherlands beat a Belgian team by the odd goal in five.

The teams shared two goals at the interval, but the Dutchmen proved superior in the second half and snatched victory in a last minute goal.—Trans-Ocean.

TO DECIDE RUNNERS-UP.

Navy will meet Eastern to decide the runners-up in the first division of the soccer league at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday at Caroline Hill.

GERMANY BACKS OUT OF BOXING TOURNAMENT

Berlin, Apr. 24. Germany's decision to withdraw from the forthcoming amateur boxing tournament between Europe and America is given much prominence in the Berlin sporting newspapers this morning. It is pointed out, however, that the decision was taken prior to Saturday's meeting in Dublin of the International Amateur Boxing Federation.

The fact that Poland will also not take part in the Chicago tourney as protest against two referee verdicts which eliminated the Polish boxers Czortek and Szymura from the final round of the European Amateur Championships is seen here as depriving Europe of any chance of winning the Chicago tourney.

The team selected by the Federation is as follows: Lehtinen (Finland), Nordechia (Italy), Sergio (Italy), Dowdall (Ireland), Agren (Sweden), Roadik (Estonia), Musina (Italy), Lazzari (Italy)—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL BOXING

Hongkong Area Championships At Nanking Barracks

The open individual and boys boxing championships of the Hongkong Area commenced at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui, last night and will be continued this evening at 8.30.

Good and keen boxing was seen in some of the bouts, the results of which were:

Lightweight (1st round)—Gnr. Franklin (R.A.) beat Bda. McDonald (1st. Mid.).

Featherweight (1st. round) boys—Boy Martin (2nd. R.S.) beat Boy Smith (1st. Mid.).

Bantamweight (semi-final)—Pte. Williams (1st. Mid.) secured a walk-over from Spr. Murphy (R.E.).

Lightweight (1st. round) boys—Boy Ward (1st. Mid.) beat Tpr. Ettemble (1st. R.).

Featherweight (1st. round) boys—Tpr. Brennan (1st. R.S.) beat Boy Maxwell (2nd. R.S.).

Welterweight (1st. round) boys—Tpr. Brennan (1st. R.S.) beat Boy Maxwell (2nd. R.S.).

Featherweight (1st. round) boys—Tpr. Brennan (1st. R.S.) beat Boy Maxwell (2nd. R.S.).

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Inside The Maginot Line With M.O.T.

The latest issue of "March of Time," entitled "Inside the Maginot Line," takes the M.O.T. camera crew 200 feet underground to the amazing fortresses which France has erected on its German border.

We see how the men work, drill, eat, play and, generally speaking, live their lives in some degree of completeness.

The importance of the Line, built by France at a cost of billions of francs to ensure "that the country will never be invaded again," is explained and the issue also considers the manner in which France recruits an army of 5,000,000 men through early conscription.

Whether it encourages peace hopes depends upon one's point of view. As newsreel reporting, however, it is excellent.

This issue of "March of Time" will be shown to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre in conjunction with the film, "The Great Man Votes," starring John Barrymore.

FRIENDLY MATCH

St. Andrew's Have Easy Win Over Y.M.C.A.

In a friendly badminton match at St. Andrew's Hall last night St. Andrew's beat the Y.M.C.A. 9-0.

S. A. and F. A. Broadbridge beat A. L. Fisher and J. Lamb 21-2, beat R. Johnston and E. Curtis 21-0, beat F. G. Mills and L. Bennett 21-0.

H. Kew and A. E. Brown beat Fisher and Lamb 21-0, beat Johnston and Curtis 21-0, beat Mills and Bennett 21-0.

F. E. Wong and M. Well beat Fisher and Lamb 21-17, beat Johnston and Curtis 21-0, beat Mills and Bennett 21-17.

Indoor Bowling Contest

Teams representing H.M.S. Birmingham and U.S.S. Augusta took part in an interesting friendly match at Ten Pins at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday. The American team won by 322 points. Scores:

Augusta	Birmingham
T. L. Cleaver	138
M. S. Johnson	140
J. M. Fisher	93
P. L. Eaton	94
Total	948

Birmingham	Augusta
W. J. Bevan	90
L. S. Garner	10
R. P. Welch	81
R. W. May	40
Total	620



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Baby, with eight teeth and a weight of 22lb., should be on solids now.

Late Weaning

At what age should baby be taking solids? He is 12 months, but will take nothing but his bottles and an occasional rusk.

YOU have persisted with bottles far too long, and there is only one cure now. Put the bottle away once and for all, and make up your mind to a few days' open warfare with your youngster until he realises that the bottle is a thing of the past. You will win quite soon if only you will be firm.

Difficult to Feed

Baby, aged nine weeks, has a hare-lip, and I am worried as to what will happen when he comes to wean her, for feeding is difficult now. The doctor says that she must have an operation. Is that safe just now?

THE operation for hare-lip and cleft palate is one of the marvels of modern plastic surgery, and will be performed at no real risk to your little one long before she is weaned. For a few days after the operation until the stitches have healed nicely she must be kept from crying, which means that she may be a full-time job for one nurse in hospital if she is at all fretful, but after that her mouth will be perfectly normal again, and she will learn to eat and drink just like any other child.

Eating's a serious business, and she won't leave a crumb



"BABY'S no trouble at all," boasted a young mother proudly to me the other day. "She takes her foods without any fuss, loves her bath, and we don't hear a sound from her all night."

"It's all very well to talk now," I said. "She's only three months old, but you wait until she's three months old."

"There's no reason why all babies shouldn't be 'perfect angels' for the first five months if their day-by-day routine is carried out and they are normally healthy."

"It's when you come to wean them that you'll face your first big problem. If you don't start baby off in the right way, all your good work of the past will be quickly undone, and she may have a bad setback."

As I told my young friend, I believe in gradual weaning straight on to cup and spoon feeding, and mothers will have no lasting trouble with the process provided that they are patient.

She'll Disapprove

Baby is not likely to take to the change without a murmur. She will probably show definite disapproval at first, but, after all you as mother are in charge, and perseverance on your part will win the day.

If baby registers too much disapproval, wrap her firmly in a clean towel so that the small arms cannot be waved about nor the spoon knocked out of your hand, and go on patiently with the feeding, using a shallow-bowled spoon with rounded edges.

Pay no heed if she spits back food at first; that is bound to happen until baby gets accustomed to new tastes and to the feel of the spoon, so carry on until she finally gives in gracefully. This should only take a few days.

You may be interested in these weaning problems from readers, together with my replies.

Refuses Milk

Now that baby is being weaned, she refuses to drink milk. Any that she takes disagrees with her.

I GATHER that you have been trying to give baby undiluted milk, and it is likely that her stomach cannot digest the large curd.

Some doctors say that no child under two years of age should be given undiluted milk, and I would advise you to use diluted milk for weaning purposes.

Help Kidneys

Don't Take Drastic Drugs

Your kidneys have nine million tiny tubes or filters which are endangered by neglect or drastic, irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from Gout, Gravel, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Bladder Stiffness, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Painful Urine, Swollen Ankles, Neuritis, Burning, Itching, Smarting, Acidity of Urine, Loss of Sleep, don't delay. Try the Doan's now. Doan's is a powerful, quick-acting, non-toxic, and is guaranteed to give you relief in 48 hours. Doan's costs little and is guaranteed to give you relief in 48 hours. Doan's costs little and is guaranteed to give you relief in 48 hours.



Odourless Cooking

THERE are two simple devices for preventing the smell of cooking from permeating through the house. If the anticipated cooking smell is not very strong, take a potato, cut in half, and place one half, skin downward, on the stove or grate. It becomes warm without getting overcooked. The potato absorbs the smell of whatever happens to be cooking, provided the odour is not too intense. Should the odour happen to be very strong, take some orange peel, put a few drops of vinegar on it, and place the peel on the stove. The skin gets warm, but does not cook, and the kitchen is odourless.

Very numerous are the evening gowns that are pleated, having important trains, and being liberally decorated with flower trimmings and elaborate motifs.

Gowns with fringes are a marked fashion note. Black silk fringes on white satin gowns look well, and entirely trimmed in white shells are novel for evening wear.

"SHOOT" WORKER

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. Robert Bishop, 23, a WPA worker, was warning himself beside a bonfire after cleaning up debris on a project when he yelled in pain. He had been shot in the right leg by a bullet swept into the debris pile. Several

TO DRY LETTUCE

To dry lettuce thoroughly for salads, place in a clean towel and twist towel around several times at arms' length, like a bag.

Other bullets also exploded. How they got there was a mystery.



The upward and outward sweep of this large trimmed ballbunt in black is beautifully offset by its unusual treatment of rose-coloured satin ribbon. The hat is designed by Marie Alphonsine.

Rhubarb Recipes

RHUBARB is, perhaps, the best of all specifics for clearing the skin, and purifying the blood.

You may like to try one or two of these recipes to vary the ordinary stewed rhubarb:

As a spring tonic there is nothing to equal a rhubarb juice drink. Stew the fruit slowly with a good deal of sugar to make a syrup, until the flavour has all been extracted. When cold, put a tablespoonful in a glass, and fill up with soda water and a little plain water. If you stew a small piece of this lemon peel with the fruit, the flavour will be improved.

Rhubarb sweet is delicious.—Cut about three-quarters of a pound of rhubarb into small pieces, and stew them in half a pint of water. Add quarter of a pound of sugar, and the grated rind of a lemon.

Whisk the whites of two eggs until they are stiff, dissolve one and a half ounce of gelatine in half a pint of water, and add these to the rhubarb when it is quite soft. Line a mould with sponge fingers and pour in the mixture. Serve with custard when set.

A Tasty Pudding

Rhubarb pudding is another favourite. Take a pound of rhubarb, wiped and chopped up small, and place this in a greased pie-dish. Sprinkle with a cup of sugar.

Beat an egg and a large cup of milk together, and stir in four tablespoonfuls of flour, a little salt, and a dessertspoonful of sugar. Beat the batter well until it is fairly stiff, and bake in a hot oven for about 35 minutes.

Rhubarb jelly is nourishing for invalids. Wipe and cut about a pound of rhubarb, add half a cupful of water and a cupful of sugar; cook until soft, and strain through a colander. Dissolve a red-currant jelly square in a cup of hot water, and mix with the rhubarb while it is still hot. Pour the mixture into a wet mould, and allow to set.

Rhubarb and dates make a delightful combination. Well grease a basin, and line it with pastry about quarter of an inch in thickness.

Wipe a pound of rhubarb, and cut it into small pieces. Wash, stone, and chop up coarsely, a pound of dates. Mix together with sugar to taste, and fill the basin.

Pour the juice of two oranges and enough water to make half a gill over the fruit, and cover with pastry. Seal the edges, put on some greased paper, and steam for about an hour and a half. Serve with sweet custard.

Ann Rutledge

REVIVED

Paris.—Crinolines, stiff silks, bare shoulders, flowers and jewels join this season to make Paris evening gowns as alluring as those of the long-ago Second Empire when Eugenie enchanted the world with her beauty. Naturally the crinolines and the more sumptuous of the gowns are reserved for the grandest parties, usually in private homes, but even at night clubs and theatre premieres, wide hems and romantic décolletés give the same feelings, aided by trimming in the hair and conspicuous jewelry.

two teaspoonfuls if the child tolerates egg well.

(4) At 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily give two teaspoonfuls of strained fruit juice in two of water, slightly sweetened if necessary, and precede this with half a teaspoonful of some good cod-liver oil emulsion or two drops of halibut liver oil.

Poor Start

Mine was a premature baby, weighing 6lb. at birth. Now, at seven months, she weighs 16lb. Should I delay weaning as she had such a poor start in life?

I DO not advise this, especially as she is getting restless long before her next feed is due. This is probably a sign that she needs more food now, and that she is quite ready for gradual weaning.

Make the change-over gradually thus avoiding upsets for both yourself and baby.

It should take about five weeks to make this change over to artificial feeds entirely, then she will be ready for the second weaning which takes her on to semi-solids.



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WHITEAWAY'S

Japanese Build Aerodrome Ten Minutes from Hongkong

FROM trustworthy sources, the "Telegraph" learns this morning that the Japanese are constructing a large aerodrome less than fifty miles from Hongkong.

First reports of Japanese activity in this direction was brought to Hongkong by refugees from the Tungshun district.

These reports have since been confirmed from other sources.

The aerodrome is being constructed at Taiping.

At normal air speed, Taiping is only ten

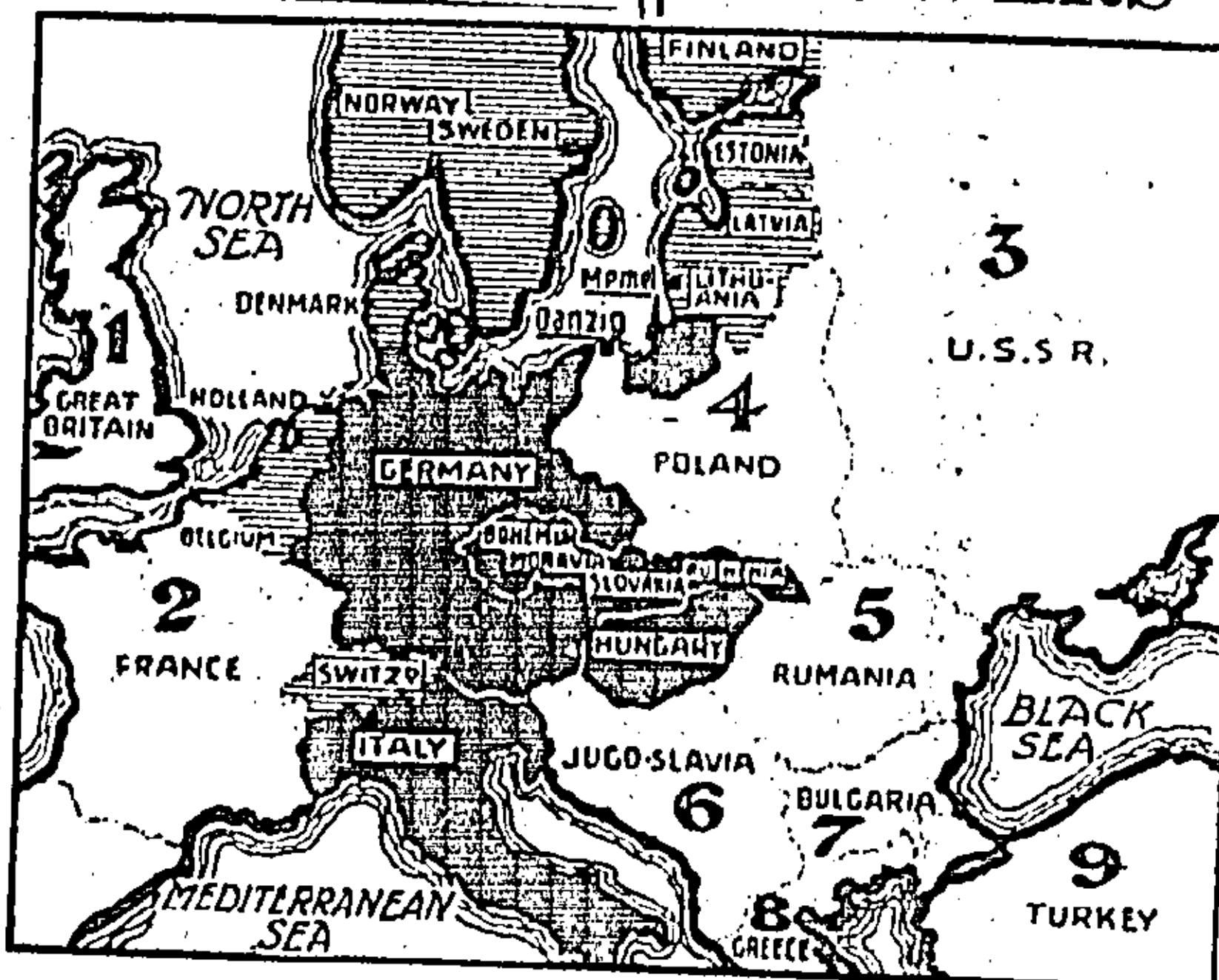
minutes flying time from Hongkong. It is about five or six miles from Bocca Tigris fort.

According to reports reaching the "Telegraph", villagers in the district have been conscripted by the Japanese to do the work. The workers are well treated and well fed, but are not paid for their labours.

Work on the new 'drome commenced last week and is reported to have already reached a stage where it is being used for Japanese aerial operations against the Chinese operating in the East River areas.

RETURN OF ENVOY NOT "CLIMB DOWN"

LINE UP OF NINE POWERS



CHAMBERLAIN SUSPICIONS

LONDON, Apr. 24.

THE RETURN of the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, to Berlin, gave rise to conjecture in London and other capitals to-day.

This evening the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, set all doubts at rest.

He assured the House of Commons that there was no special significance in the decision to send the Ambassador back to his post.

"The return of the Ambassador does not indicate that His Majesty's Government have accepted the annexation of Czecho-Slovakia," the Premier declared.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the British Government has also decided not to recognise the change in the regime in Albania.

NORMAL COURSE

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that Sir Neville Henderson had been recalled to London simply to report, and that he was returning to Berlin "in the normal course of duty."

The Prime Minister dodged a barrage of questions regarding the security negotiations.

"The Government is maintaining close touch with other Governments, including Turkey and Soviet Russia," was all he would say.

One member urged the Premier to make a statement before Hitler's speech on Friday.

"I do not think it is desirable to make premature statements regarding negotiations which are still in progress," Mr. Chamberlain replied.

Tangier Status Quo

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs told Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour, that Britain considers the maintenance of the present regime in Tangier a matter of great importance.

He said the recent movements of Spanish troops in the vicinity of Gibraltar were the result of demobilisation.—United Press.

French Ambassador Departs

Paris, Apr. 24.
The Agence Radio reports that the French Ambassador is departing for Berlin to-night.—United Press.

No Berlin Comment

BERLIN, Apr. 24.—The return to Berlin of Sir Neville Henderson is briefly announced without comment by the papers to-day.

Political circles believe that the German Ambassador to London, Herr von Dirksen, will also rejoin his post. The Rumanian trade delegation arrived here to-day to discuss the

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Rumanian Slap For Hitler

Apprehension At General Situation

LONDON, Apr. 24.
RUMANIA has replied to Herr Hitler's query with a Note, "Reuter" learns.

The Note states that as Rumania has no common boundary with the Reich, it is difficult to say whether she feels threatened by Germany.

It expresses the opinion that the question could best be answered by Germany herself. The note adds that Rumania was not informed in advance of President Roosevelt's move, but that she does look with apprehension on the general situation in Europe.—Reuter.

Denmark's Reply

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 24.—It is learned officially that the Foreign

Alfonso And Ena Expect Recall

ROME, Apr. 24.

SITTING in the royal suite of Rome's Grand Hotel to-day ex-King Alfonso awaits a recall to the country from which he fled eight years ago. Restoration of the Spanish monarchy is expected to follow the triumphal march into Madrid.

At the same time a complete reconciliation between King Alfonso and Queen Ena, who have been estranged in exile, may be announced.

"Nothing can be said yet. King Alfonso is awaiting developments in Spain," his secretary said, but it is significant that the ex-King, on hearing that Madrid had fallen, sent a congratulatory telegram to General Franco.

Franco's Greetings

In reply General Franco sent his "sincere and affectionate greetings."

The belief that the monarchy will be re-established is strengthened by a decree recently passed by the Nationalist Government.

This restores the property confiscated from Alfonso and his family on the proclamation of the Republic in 1931.

Ex-Queen Ena, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, is now in Rome. Friends of the Royal pair are convinced that they are already reconciled.]

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Further Late News

STORE RATIONS, H.K. HOUSEWIVES ARE URGED

DON'T WAIT for an emergency before stocking your larder with food supplies.

That is the advice given to house-wives in Hongkong by the local authorities.

DIPLOMATS SCURRY TO AND FRO

European Activity Not Lessened

LONDON, Apr. 24.

TO-DAY'S Anglo-Rumanian discussions are summed up as a satisfactory exchange of views, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

This morning's conversations at the Foreign Office included general consideration of the European situation, with particular reference to the position of the Balkans, and the relations between Britain, France, and Rumania.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain joined the talks in the afternoon.

It is understood that economic questions have not yet been touched upon, but they may arise at a later stage.

Meanwhile, it is understood that no reply has been sent from London to the proposals submitted by the Soviets during the Anglo-Russian discussions.

The discussions are continuing in the capitals concerned.—Reuter.

Axis Pact

Belgrade, Apr. 24.
The Italo-Yugo-Slav friendship was described to-day by M. Marinkovich, the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister as a "fundamental principle of the present policy of Italy and Yugo-Slavia."

Speaking to press representatives, he went on to say that the deepening of friendship between the two countries which resulted from the Venice talks, was a natural consequence of complete agreement on all questions of mutual interest.

For this reason, he considered the Venice meeting to be in the highest degree satisfactory.—Trans-Ocean.

Hurried Departure

CROYDON, Apr. 24.
The Polish Ambassador to London made a hurried departure for Paris by Imperial Airways plane to-day.

It is understood that his business in Paris is very urgent.

Special accommodation was arranged on the plane, which had already been fully booked.—United Press.

Reich-Rumanian Pact

Bucharest, Apr. 24.
Dr. Wohltat, attached to the German Ministry of Economics, has already seen M. Bojolu, Rumanian Minister of National Economy, and has pressed for the adoption of two schemes regarding the cultivation of

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RICE PLANTERS BUSY IN NEW TERRITORIES

AS A RESULT of the beneficial rains of last week, the New Territories presents a picture of activity as the spring planting of rice has begun.

Hongkong should have record crops, as every available piece of land is being sown for rice. Even hillside terraced paddies, which in many instances have been neglected for years, are now being prepared.

Village farmers predict good weather and bumper crops and anticipate increased prices at harvest time.

DEATHBLOW TO REICH TRADE

NEW YORK, Apr. 24.

THE Government's imposition of 25 per cent countervailing duties on imports from Germany, which came into force at 6 p.m. yesterday, is regarded in New York as the deathblow to trade between the United States and the Reich.

Dr. Albert Degener, an official of the Board of Trade for German-American commerce, said the order constituted "a complete embargo" on German goods, and was "a distinct violation of the gentlemen's agreement."

Imports from Germany totalled approximately \$13,000,000 last year. Germany will now have to find other sources of supply of the cotton and other raw materials she has been getting from the United States.

Importers had cabled instructions for all available supplies to be shipped before April 23, when the duty-penalty ruling became effective.

"STATE OF DANGER"

Egypt Collaborates With Britain

CAIRO, Apr. 24.

A "STATE of immediate danger" mentioned in the Anglo-Egyptian treaty now prevails in Egypt, it is stated here, the British and Egyptian governments having agreed on this in an exchange of notes.

The significance of this lies in the fact that when both nations agree that this state prevails, England is automatically authorised to increase the strength of her garrisons in Egypt to a point far above the normal.

Extensive reinforcements have already been sent to Egypt.

Referring to this provision in the treaty, the Egyptian Premier, Mohammed Fawzi Mahmoud declared before the Chamber and the Senate this evening that Egypt "in collaboration with her great English ally" had undertaken the necessary steps to strengthen national defence.

England, he stated, had pledged herself to send adequate land and sea and air forces to defend Egypt against any aggressor.

Characterising these steps as a "contribution towards a relaxation in tension," the Premier concluded by stating that Egypt is now in a position to defend all of her frontiers, but that she is nevertheless grateful for very declaration guaranteeing her independence.—Trans-Ocean.

Consulting Britain

Cairo, Apr. 24.
Referring to Britain's promise to support Egypt with military, naval and air forces, Premier Mahmoud Pasha told the Chamber to-day that

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Remarkable Offer On May 1

A REMARKABLE offer of free transmission of cable messages to any part of the Empire except Canada, India, Burma, Trans-Jordan and the Sudan will be available to all members of the Hongkong public on Monday next week.

The scheme, which was announced by Mr. Edward Wilshaw, Chairman of Messrs. Cables and Wireless, is the original method chosen to inaugurate a new inter-Empire "social message" service.

On May 1, the Hongkong office of Cables & Wireless will accept, for free transmission to any part of the Empire except the countries enumerated above, a social message of twelve words.

The privilege is extended to all members of the public. The scheme will be simultaneously

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New Envoy To Washington

Marquis Of Lothian Appointed

LONDON, Apr. 25.
THE APPOINTMENT was announced to-day of the Marquis of Lothian as British Ambassador to Washington.

The Marquis will take up his appointment after the retirement this summer of the present Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, who will remain until after the visit of the King and Queen this year.—United Press.

SCOTS WON'T HELP LOST TOURISTS

If It Happens To Be A Sunday

IF TOURISTS TO SCOTLAND LOSE THEIR WAY ON A SUNDAY AND, ON ASKING A HIGHLANDER, RECEIVE NO ANSWER, THEY WILL HAVE TO THANK THE 70-YEARS-OLD REV. EWAN MCQUEEN.

Mr. McQueen has banded Highlanders together to refuse any Sunday tourists: Water for tea, any information, and food.

"I don't care whether people hate me for my opinions or not, but I will continue to fight against what people call Sunday excursions," he declared.

"The word has no meaning to me. I recognise only the Sabbath. It is a day which should be kept strictly."

"FANATICISM"

"Almost the entire North of Scotland is against Sunday travel, and we are going to try to maintain that state of affairs."

Sir William Goodchild, of the Scottish Economic Committee, said that this "Keep the Sunday Traveller Away" campaign was just another of those waves of fanaticism which sweeps the Highlands every now and then.

"It is a completely fatuous example of how people in these parts are dominated by the clergy," he added. "It will wear itself out just like the other stupid campaign for long bathing costumes and their examples of Brundism."

Bomb-Proof Shelters For Eton.

LONDON.

Every boy's house at Eton College will be provided with a bomb-proof shelter before the Summer Half begins in May. It was originally intended to dig trenches in the playing fields but this idea has been abandoned, much to the delight of the School Officers' Training Corps, who had been given the job of digging them. The shelters will complete the College's A.R.P. arrangements so that in any future crisis Eton will be able to carry on as usual.

Earl's Heir Cited By Edgar Wallace's Son

VISCOUNT HASTINGS, thirty-eight-year-old son and heir of the Earl of Huntingdon, is cited in an undefended divorce suit which is being heard at Bristol Assizes.

The petitioner is Mr. Bryan Wallace, son of the late Edgar Wallace. His wife is Margaret Lane, the authoress.

Viscount Hastings was married in 1925. His wife was held captive with her companion, Lady Marian Cameron, the viscount's sister, in their hotel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, three years ago. They were released on condition that they left the country.

They were said to have gone to Brazil to get into touch with Communists. Their object, actually, was to take notes for a travel book they were writing.

Minister Paints Church For Bride

Bedfont, Middlesex.

A GIRL of 18 and a boy of 19 called on the Rev. J. Wickes, Baptist minister at Bedfont, Middlesex, and asked his advice about getting married.

The boy said he had nobody to guide him, and was worried about the responsibility of it all, as he was earning only 30s. a week.

The girl was Miss Lillian Hart, daughter of Mrs. Hart, of Kingston-avenue, Bedfont; the boy, Private E. Keeling, of the R.A.S.C. depot at Feltham, Middlesex.

Neither is a member of Mr. Wickes' church.

REDECORATED CHAPEL

But Mr. Wickes agreed to marry them and the wedding took place recently.

And in honour of what he calls the most romantic wedding of his experience, he redecorated his chapel.

"I took the young couple under my wing," Mr. Wickes said, "and I did everything for them."



Primo Carnera, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, with his bride, the former Nina Cavazzi, after their wedding in Trieste, Italy. Bride was a former postal employee. Primo has a job in the movies.

She Gave £1,000,000 Away In Secret

A WOMAN gave away £1,000,000—and no one knew. By leaving only £89,812 (net personalty, £29,496), in her will published recently, Mrs. Florence Evelyn St. George, of Cam House, Campden Hill, Kensington, W., stands revealed as one of England's greatest philanthropists.

In 1931 her father, George Baker, "Sphinx of Wall-street," third richest man in the world, left her over

£1,000,000 of his 15 millions. What happened to it?

Let Mrs. R. N. Aston, of Seaview, Isle of Wight, wife of her doctor, tell of these eight years.

"Mrs. St. George spent her money for the good of the country. Her donations to institutions and distressed people were made absolutely anonymously."

In fact, I do not think she signed her name to anything. "She and I were very friendly and often she used to ask my opinion about the charities to which she intended to send money."

"Her financial affairs she left in the hands of her secretary, who did absolutely everything for her, from ordering meals to accompanying her on trips abroad."

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To that secretary, Miss Ethel Rosa (who had been with her for over 20 years) she left £1,000 a year and a house in Aubrey-walk, W., with its contents, also the contents of her flat at Brighton, and the use of a cottage at Nettlestone, Isle of Wight.

Mr. Baker, who was connected with banking all his life and was a director of hundreds of companies, started his career as a messenger boy.

Mrs. St. George was attended by two doctors and three nurses during her last illness, which lasted for two years. At one time Cam House was guarded by unstaffs, and heavy iron gates barred the windows. These precautions were taken to guard her collection of art treasures.

£2,000 Job Is Born

London County Council created a new £2,000-a-year job recently.

They agreed with members of the establishment committee that the council's architect needs an assistant.

The post is to be advertised, and will have a salary starting at £1,800 a year, rising to £2,000 in two years.

The assistant architect will deal with town planning and the designing of new London County Council buildings.



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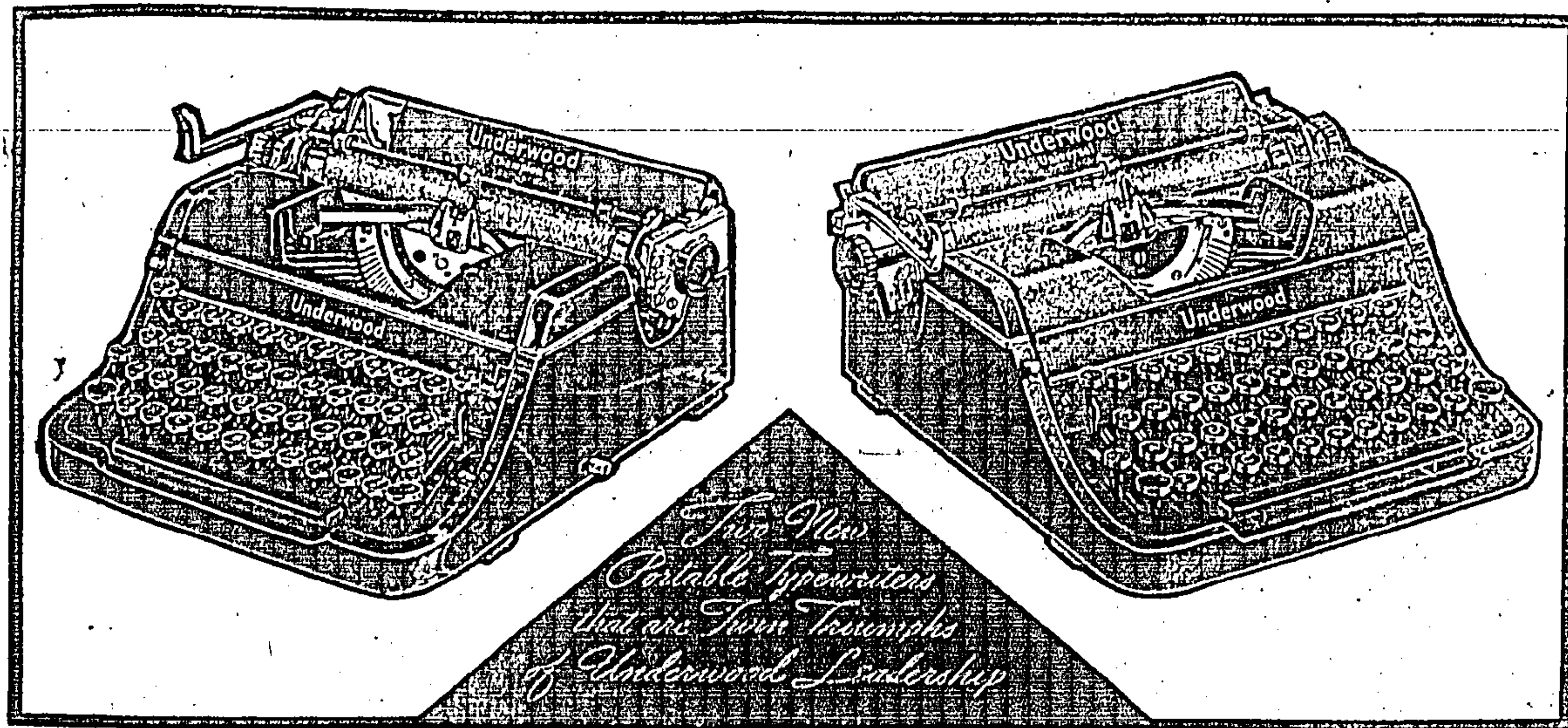
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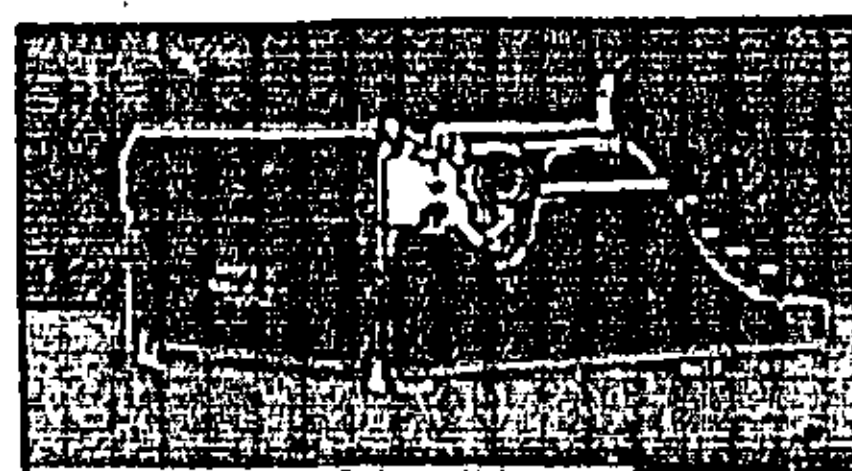
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English Girls To Camp In Rockies

A PERMANENT log cabin is being built on Sulphur Mountain, Banff, in the Canadian Rockies, for the accommodation of young visitors from England and her Dominions.

Each year English children from private and secondary schools will live for a while in that dream place set among the snow caps and lakes.

This time 125 English girls are going. Next year it will be the turn of the boys. Each year their visits will alternate. In addition to the English girls, students will go from Australia, New Zealand and perhaps South Africa this year.

COSTS £2 A HEAD
Major F. J. Ney, executive secretary of the National Council of Education of Canada, said: "The scheme is under the auspices of our Council in co-operation with the Overseas Education League. The camp is to be called King's Camp."

"About 125 girls will go from England this summer, one party leaving Liverpool on July 28 and returning from Montreal on September 9, and the second party leaving on August 5 and returning with the others."

The invitation does not include transportation, which for 14,000 miles

and a seven weeks' programme costs £2, and must be paid by the parents.

The girls will enjoy the hospitality of Canadian homes for a considerable part of the time. They will see Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, the capital, Kenora on the Lake of the Woods, Banff, Calgary and the Turner Valley oilfields, Vancouver, Victoria, Winnipeg and Toronto.

CRICKET DEMONSTRATION
Two girls' cricket teams in the party will give demonstration games. The second party will have a shorter itinerary and the estimated cost is £22.

All applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 19 and must apply through their headmistresses. "The ideal age," said Major Ney, "is about 17. It is astonishing how much real good they get out of travel at that age."

The Correct Answer?
LONDON.

In the Southwark Diocesan Gazette, which he edits, the Rev. T. P. Stevens, vicar of St. Paul's, Wimbledon Park, quotes the following answer given by a boy in a Scripture exam he set: Q: Who was sorry when the Prodigal Son returned home? A: The fatted calf!

EMPIRE NEWS

HIGHER SHIPPING FREIGHTS FEARED

Auckland.
The new Shaw, Savill and Albion liner Dominion Monarch, 27,000 tons, sailed recently with representatives of the shipping companies trading here to attend the triennial shipping freight conference and fix future charges for Dominion primary exports.

The "New Zealand Herald" states that all-round increases in rates seem practically inevitable, and will strike a heavy blow at Dominion primary industries.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

SUCCESS OF APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Salisbury.
A week after the appeal for volunteers for a battalion to serve outside the colony, 350 Europeans had applied for forms at Salisbury and 300 at Bulawayo. The population of each town is about 12,000.

SOUTH AFRICA

NATURALISATION OF GERMANS

Capetown.
Germans occupy a prominent place in the latest returns of naturalisation issued by the Union Department of the Interior. In the second half of 1938, 141 persons holding German nationality were granted South African nationality.

Most of them were of the professional class, but there were two Roman Catholic priests, one missionary bishop and one Baptist minister.

The returns include the names of six persons officially described as Stateless, including one Jewish rabbi.

Flood and Storm Deaths.—Two European women were electrocuted at Lydenburg, Eastern Transvaal, when a heavy storm severed electric wires. A number of natives have been drowned in the widespread floods which have resulted from the unprecedented rainfall in Eastern Transvaal. Nine were drowned when attempting to swim across swollen rivers. The town of Standerton is partially submerged.—Reuter.

Cape Town.—Two Words.—Cape Town, the seat of the South African Legislature, is to be written in two words, instead of one, as hitherto, according to a recommendation of the Place Names Department Committee here.



Returning from the east where he made underwater sequences for his latest Tarzan picture, Johnny Weissmuller was met at Los Angeles by his fiancée, Mrs. Beryl Scott, as above. They plan to be married as soon as Lupe Velez, Johnny's former wife, gets her final decree in July.

Steel Is Banned In £100,000 Ship

IN October a sailing ship, built for the Admiralty at a cost of £100,000, will set sail for the Indian Ocean.

She is the Royal Research ship Research, soon to be launched at Dartmouth to make magnetic surveys vital to all who "go down to the sea in ships."

Research is brigantine-rigged, with a sail area of nearly 12,000 square feet. She will carry 6 officers, 4 scientists, and 22 petty officers and men.

Difficulty has been met in finding a youthful crew with experience of sailing ships, and her captain, Lieut.-Commander D. H. Fryer, R.N., has recently completed a voyage to Australia and back in a grain-carrying windjammer, as he says "solely for experience."

"Some of my crew will know nothing of a sailing ship," he said, "but they will learn as they go along."

Lieut.-Commander Fryer will command the scientific side of the expedition as well as the ship herself—thus keeping to a tradition founded by Captain Cook.

Research will collect data of magnetic variation, investigate atmospheric electricity, take meteorological observations—particularly in the upper air, with pilot balloons—deep-sea soundings, and perhaps study marine biology.

The results will be recorded on Admiralty charts, and will be available to the world.

Research herself must be non-magnetic. She is built almost entirely of wood and bronze, and the crew will not be permitted to carry steel pen-knives, nor to have metal buttons on their clothing. Even paper clips will be of brass.

Necessary steel tools will be kept far from the extremely sensitive (and very valuable) instruments—as will the crew's razor-blades!

Food—enough to last a year—will be stored in glass containers.

Cooking-stoves will be made of bronze, and aluminium pots and pans will be used. The baths are of teak—so the crew will "take a tub" in actual fact.

Girl "Healer" Charged As Quack

PARIS.

ANDREE MAUREL, a girl "healer" of 15, whose hands are said to possess a "curative fluid," was tried before the Albi Correctional Court recently on a charge of illegal practice in medicine.

A tall, thin brunette, she lives with her parents in their little chateau of Clairmont, near Albi, and has treated during the past year thousands of patients from the region of Toulouse and Montauban, where her reputation as a healer stands high.

She was not in the least intimidated when the judge said to her: "We are told that you cure patients by simply laying your hands on them and that you can even cure them at a distance by laying your hands on their portraits. Is that true?"

The girl laughed and replied: "Of course it is true."

"CURED APPENDICITIS"

Asked how she or her parents discovered that she possessed such a curative fluid, Andree replied: "I was in a bad state of health about a year ago suffering from nerves. A doctor once suggested that I had an extraordinary fluid. I tried it on father, who suffered from appendicitis. I laid my hands over his stomach and he was cured."

She received patients in the drawing-room and sat in a magnificent armchair with a high gilded back—an archbishop's former throne, which Andree's mother bought from an antiquary.

"How much did you charge?" asked the judge.

"Nothing," she replied, "and I never expected a sou from poor people, but those who could afford it gave me 100 francs or 200 francs. Many presented me with 2,000 francs, even more."

The Public Prosecutor asked the Court to deprive Andree's parents of paternal rights and to have the girl sent to an institution for girls until she is 20.

The Union of Doctors of the department of the Tarn, at whose request the girl healer was prosecuted, are claiming 50,000 francs damages.



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The messages should be written on special forms provided by our offices for this class of traffic. They should refer to social affairs such as anniversaries, greetings, personal and family news, and non-commercial topics, and will require an adequate address.

Full particulars concerning this service will gladly be supplied on application to the above office.

I would add that the service is not yet available with India, Burma, Canada, Transjordan, and the Sudan.

In inaugurating the service on May 1, the Company invites each member of the public to send, on that day, one free message of maximum length (twelve words) to a relative or friend in another part of the Empire.

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By order of the Board of Directors
M. Y. TANG,
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Hongkong, April 22, 1939.

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Notice is hereby given that the Bombay Silk Store, of 2, D'Aguiar Street, has no branches, in the Colony, and is not connected with any other similar business.

THE BOMBAY SILK STORE.
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The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 22nd April, to Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1939.

STORE RATIONS, H.K. HOUSEWIVES ARE URGED

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and at the same time strongly emphasised, that all persons possessing such a store would be morally bound in an emergency to exist entirely upon it for one month.

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DIPLOMATS SCURRY TO AND FRO

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hemp and flax, and the production of a substitute form of cotton and wool.

The Minister replied that the plans could not be adopted in their present form as the basis of the treaty was not production for Rumanian consumption, but a series of "economic exchanges."—*Reuter*.

Departure From Rome

Rome, Apr. 24.
The British Ambassador and Lady Perth left here this afternoon for London.

The Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and all heads of the diplomatic mission accredited to the Quirinal, were presented at the station to bid farewell to the Ambassador, who is retiring from diplomatic service.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Poland, Estonia Will Fight Together

Warsaw, Apr. 24.
General Laidoner, Commander-in-Chief of the Estonian army, who has concluded a six days official visit to Warsaw, declared to-day that although Poland and Estonia were not bound by any treaty, nevertheless complete agreement prevailed between the two countries.

He stated that in the course of his conversations with General Rydz-Smigly and Colonel Beck, the Foreign Minister, he found his views on the relations between Poland and Estonia were entirely shared by the Polish statesmen.

General Laidoner further stressed his belief that his impressions of the existing international situation were similar to those of the Finnish and Latvian governments.

Remarking on the firm determination of Poland to defend the country from attack from any quarter, General Laidoner said that it indicated that Poland did not intend to bind herself to any Power. That was also the standpoint of Estonia, who was about to construct a submarine flotilla for the defence of her shores.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Turkey And Russia

MOSCOW, Apr. 24.—It is understood that the Soviet Vice Commissar for Foreign Affairs is proceeding to Turkey on Sunday.

The object of his visit has not been announced.—*United Press*.

BRITISH WARNING

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domination by force.—*United Press*.

Plain Warning

London, Apr. 25.
A plain warning to Herr Hitler is being conveyed by Sir Neville Henderson, according to the diplomatic correspondents of the morning papers.

Sir Neville Henderson will state, says the "Daily Telegraph", that unless there is evidence of a change in policy on the part of Germany, the British Government will be forced to continue organising resistance to aggression, and will enforce conscription in this country.

He will suggest steps that Germany might take. They are the withdrawal of troops from Spain and demobilisation of some of the forces now under arms at home.

Germany will also doubtless learn, adds the correspondent, that it is the British Government's desire to see a practical and pacific approach made towards solutions of questions claimed to be outstanding.

Thus the British Government aligns itself four-square with the stand taken up by President Roosevelt in the notes he addressed to Germany and Italy—a fact which has been made abundantly clear to Washington in despatches from London.

Asserting that Sir Neville Henderson asked for an immediate personal interview with Herr Hitler, the "Daily Telegraph" also believes that the Ambassador will represent the wisdom of accepting President Roosevelt's ten or 25 year peace plan.

A directly worded statement, the correspondent adds, will conclude with the plain warning that rejection of President Roosevelt's proposals must lead to a tense international situation, and have the worst possible effect on the world—particularly British—opinion.—*Reuter*.

This last point is featured by the "Daily Mail", which uses the words that Sir Neville Henderson will "stress the fact that rejection of President Roosevelt's appeal would increase international tension almost to a breaking point."—*Reuter*.

RUMANIAN SLAP FOR HITLER

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Office has replied to Herr Hitler that Denmark does not feel menaced by Germany, and that she had no prior knowledge of President Roosevelt's message.—*Reuter*.

Norway Replies

OSLO, Apr. 24.—In his reply to Hitler's questionnaire, Norway's Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvdan Koht, states that he did not know in advance of President Roosevelt's message.

Norway does not feel menaced but "in case of war we know Norway would be endangered and we are therefore restoring our defences."—*United Press*.

French Precautions

PARIS, Apr. 24.—The Ministry of the Interior announced that the Council of Ministers has decided to suppress all anti-Nationalist propaganda throughout France. Still lines will be established for provocation of racial and religious hatreds.—*United Press*.

RETURN OF ENVOY NOT "CLIMB DOWN"

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question of the inclusion of Bohemia and Moravia in the German-Rumanian trade agreement.

In this connection, certain quarters deny foreign press reports that Dr. Wohltat, the German Minister for Economy, who negotiated the German-Rumanian trade pact, is at present in Bucharest. The presence there of Dr. Todt, German Inspector-General of Roads is also denied.—*Trans-Ocean*.

U.S. Won't Follow

Washington, Apr. 24.
Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated to-day that Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin would not lead the United States to follow suit.

Officials reiterate the belief that President Roosevelt is not making a decision in this connection until Herr Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's message has been received.

The suggestion that Herr Hitler may attempt to reverse the order of President Roosevelt's proposals, by insisting upon satisfaction of German economic and colonial claims, before giving any guarantee regarding future intentions, has been received here both by the press and diplomatic quarters, namely that Hitler would attempt to resurrect the appeasement policy, and would point to Roosevelt's message as justification for it.

Appeasement Policy

Political quarters understand that President Roosevelt has no intention of being caught in this way. It is precisely the President's followers who have hitherto been the loudest in their opposition to appeasement, and it is said that on account of internal affairs, President Roosevelt could not afford to request unilateral concessions from Britain and France in order to placate the Axis.

While the appeasement policy existed, the press here hinted, it is believed with official inspiration, that the United States could not be indifferent to the suggestions of cession of West African territories to the Axis on account of the accessibility of these areas to South America.

African Fears

Certain African associations, fearing the danger of falling under the Axis rule, have, it is declared, attempted to invoke the protection of the United States, quoting as an example America's interest in Liberia, and pleading for protection from the Nuremberg racial laws. Thus, although the United States Government disavows any official policy on territorial questions, there does exist certain backward areas which apparently could scarcely become the subject of negotiation without embarrassing the Government.

It is thought therefore, that Washington is likely to adhere to a literal interpretation of President Roosevelt's proposals.—*Reuter*.

Roosevelt's Plea Attacked

Berlin, Apr. 24.
Examining President Roosevelt's message in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" this evening, the editor, Dr. Halffeld writes that if Germany doubts the suitability of President Roosevelt to play the part of an "honest broker," this is due to the reflection of intervention over 20 years ago of another President of the United States, who, in that case, desired to settle things on a basis of international morality and justice.

Dr. Halffeld points out that if President Wilson's famous 14 Points had been fulfilled "there would never have been an economic boycott or unilateral disarmament of Germany."

He continued: "There would have been no robbery of German colonies, no prevention of the Austrian Anschluss, no violent separation of millions of Germans elsewhere from their Motherland."

Personal Promise

The writer mentioned the contention that the Fourteen Points constituted merely a personal promise by President Wilson, which the Allies subsequently declined to ratify. He argued that, on the contrary, they represented a binding agreement on all the Allied Powers, as proved by the exchange of notes between the German Government and President Wilson prior to the armistice.

According to Dr. Halffeld, it is incontestable that the peace treaty was to embody the principles enunciated in the Fourteen Points, and the peace conference was to be confined to settling the practical details of the application of these principles.

In reality, the Fourteen Points were brushed aside entirely at the conference.

The article concludes by observing that President Roosevelt must be fully aware of all the circumstances since the Under-Secretary of State in the Navy Department, and a member of President Wilson's Cabinet at the time of the armistice, and the negotiations which preceded it.—*Trans-Ocean*.

"STATE OF DANGER"

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"her actions confirm here assurances." The Premier added that Egypt was constantly consulting Britain.

He stated that Egypt "will completely fulfil her treaty obligations, and in 'taking all necessary measures to defend her independence and security'." (Prolonged cheers)—*Reuter Special*.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24.—Mr. James M. Slattery to-day took the oath as new Democratic Senator for Illinois, in succession to Senator Hamilton Lewis.—*United Press*.

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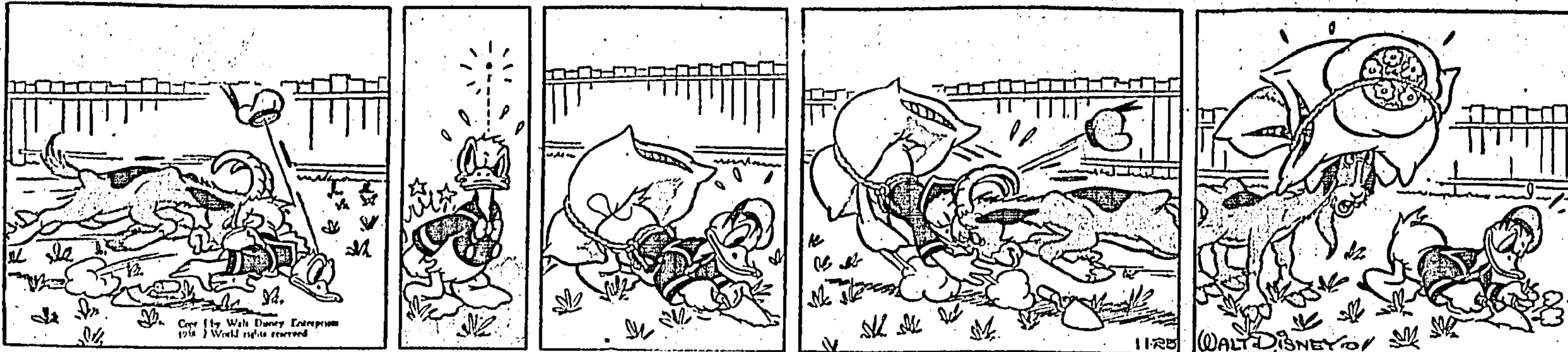
INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Formosa	Canton Maru	April 25.
Amoy	Cremer	April 25.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 10th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	April 25.
Swatow	Prominent	April 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Taiyuan	April 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Talpa	April 25.
Straits	Aeneas	April 25.
Manila	Anna Maersk	April 26.
Tientsin and Swatow	Emp. of Russia	April 26.
Manila	Nanning	April 26.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 30th March and London date, 23rd March	Pleasantville	April 26.
Japan	Rajputana	April 26.
Haliphong	Toyama Maru	April 26.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 22nd April.	Canton	April 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Imperial Airways Plane	April 27.
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Jean Laborde	April 27.
Japan	Kaying	April 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 7th April)	Lahore	April 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 1st April)	Pres. Cleveland	April 27.
Shanghai	Pres. Van Buren	April 27.
Japan	British M/V Canton	April 28.
Shanghai	Kitano Maru	April 28.
Japan	Conte Biancamano	April 28.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 21st April.	Montevideo Maru	April 29.
Japan	Pan American Airways Plane	April 29.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tusima Maru	April 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Tjnegara	April 30.
Shanghai	Kumsang	May 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 30th March)	Hector	May 2.
Straits	Laos	May 2.
Japan	Tatuta Maru	May 2.
Shanghai	Van Heutsz	May 2.
Japan	Nellore	May 3.
Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 4.
Japan	Santhia	May 4.
Straits	Arabella Maru	May 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 14th April)	Conte Rosso	May 5.
Shanghai	Emp. of Japan	May 5.
	Glenapp	May 5.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Swatow and Chuanchow	Kingyuan	Tues., Apr. 25, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Halphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., Apr. 25, 2 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anshun	Tues., Apr. 25, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Canton	Canton Maru	Wed., Apr. 26, 7.15 a.m.
Halphong	Yusang	Wed., Apr. 26, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Takzang	Wed., Apr. 26, 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Cremer	Wed., Apr. 26, 5.00 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Elre) via Siberia	Rajputana	Thurs., Apr. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Halphong	Chekiang	Thurs., Apr. 27, Noon.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 19th May.	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., Apr. 27, 1 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 4th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 5th May	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs., Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	Thurs., Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Thurs., Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Sandakan	Mausang	Fri., Apr. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Chengtu	Fri., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 11th May.	Kitano Maru	Fri., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
	K. P. O.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G. P. O.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Apr. 28, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Africa (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	France Plane	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Apr. 28, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th May.	British m.v. Canton	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 28, 5.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Fri., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways British m.v. Canton Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 9th May.	Canton	Sat., Apr. 29, 8 a.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 29, 8.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Apr. 29, 10 a.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Prominent	Sat., Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Halphong	Wetang	Sat., Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, 22nd May.	Conte Biancamano	Sat., Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban	Montevideo Maru	Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 6th May	Pan American Airways Plane	Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Apr. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Apr. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Sat., Apr. 29, 7.30 a.m.
Sunday		
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Halphong	Klungchow	Sun., Apr. 30, 9 a.m.
Foochow	Nanning	Sun., Apr. 30, 9 a.m.

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IN THE COMMONS MINISTERS FACE BARRAGE

LONDON, Apr. 24. ACCORDING TO THE Government's information, the recent movements of Spanish troops near Gibraltar was the natural consequence of measures of demobilisation taken by the Spanish Government, declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day.

Asked if it was necessary to despatch reinforcements to Gibraltar if there was no significance in sending them, Mr. Butler made no reply.

Asked about widening the No. 1 dock at Gibraltar, Colonel Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty stated that all possible steps had already been taken to secure the earliest completion of the work which was proceeding day and night.

Asked to what extent the Government was interested in the maintenance of the status quo of the international zone of Tangier, Mr. Butler said that the Government considered the maintenance of the present regime a matter of great importance.

Italian Troops

Asked whether any representations had been made to the Italian Government regarding the retention in Spain of large forces after the cessation of hostilities, Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied: "No. The Government trusts that no such representation is necessary."

Asked whether there was a possibility of their retention beyond May 15, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the situation was being watched with very close attention.

Trade Negotiations

Referring to his recent visits to European countries, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, stated that trade negotiations with Soviet Russia would be inaugurated in Britain fairly shortly. His negotiations in Poland were successful in clearing up difficulties, but no further negotiations were in contemplation.

Replying to Mr. Clement Attlee, the Premier declared that there was no special significance in Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin. The Ambassador was called back to report, and after he had made his report, he was given a short period of leave. After expiration of that leave, Sir Neville Henderson went back in the normal course of his duty.

Asked if Sir Neville Henderson's return meant that the Government accepted the annexation of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "Certainly not."—*Reuter*.

New Archbishop

VATICAN CITY, Apr. 24.—Bishop Francis Spellman, of Boston, has been named Archbishop of New York. It is considered to be a foregone conclusion that he will be named Cardinal in an early Consistory.—*United Press*.

UNIVERSITY OPPOSED

Views Of Hongkong Professor In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 15. STRESSING the importance of Hongkong University, where he has been a professor for 27 years, Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, speaking at the Rotary Club to-day declared it would be "little short of a tragedy" if a rival university were to be established in Malaya.

It would burden Malayan taxpayers with unnecessary expense and it would lessen the value of Hongkong University to China.

Professor Middleton-Smith is visiting his son, Mr. R. Middleton-Smith, of the Labour Department.

The speaker remarked that Hongkong University was a costly experiment for the Colony and a cause of considerable anxiety for every Governor.

"During my 27 years, we have had perpetual anxiety, concerning our finances," he said.

"That difficulty still worries the local authorities."

The speaker stressed, however, the value of the University to China, saying it was also an Imperial asset.

FLEETS IN MEDITERRANEAN

Anglo-German Naval Movements

PARIS, Apr. 25. A GERMAN naval squadron consisting of nearly 40 vessels and attendant auxiliaries have arrived off Gijon.

The fleet is reported to be en route to the Straits of Gibraltar for a week's manoeuvres.

They will visit Malaga, Ceuta, Tangier and Almeria after which they will return to Germany on May 10 via Lisbon and Vigo.—*United Press*.

Cruiser At Bilbao

London, Apr. 24. The Exchange-Telegraph Correspondent at Barcelona reports that the German cruiser Admiral Scheer has arrived at Bilbao for a three day visit.—*United Press*.

British Movements

London, Apr. 24. The British Mediterranean fleet, which departed from Malta on Sunday, will visit harbours in Greece, Cyprus, Palestine, and Egypt before beginning manoeuvres in the eastern Mediterranean. It was officially declared here this evening.

The British home fleet will assemble in Portland harbour on April 28 and 29, and except for those ships which escort the Republic, bearing the King and Queen to America, the fleet will engage in the usual target practice near Portland.—*Trans-Ocean*.

BERLIN, Apr. 24.—It has been officially announced that all trains and handcars have been "completely Aryanised."—*United Press*.

Junkers Due To-morrow

German Airmen On Flight To Tokyo

KARACHI, Apr. 24. The German Junkers plane of the Luftwaffe, on a flight from Berlin to Tokyo, left Karachi for Jodhpur at 3.20 p.m. Indian standard time (5.50 p.m. Hongkong time). Stopping overnight at Baura, the plane left Baura at 3.00 a.m. on Monday (8.00 a.m. Hongkong time) on the sixth lap of its flight. The plane cancelled its originally scheduled stop at Jask and flew to Karachi directly.

It will arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday.—*Domel*.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Banks Ltd. 1,400 s.
H. K. Banks Ltd. 84 s.
Chartered Bank 7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. 27 n.
Mercantile, C. 2. 13 n.
East Asia 80 n.

INSURANCES
Canton 220 n.
Unions 440 n.
China Underwriter 1,330 s.
H.K. Fire 180 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas 70 b.
Steamboats 10 s.
Indo-China S. 80 n.
Indo-China S. 24 n.
Shell Bunkers s/- (x. d.) 80/-
Waterboats 840 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves 100 n.
Docks 163 1/2 s.
Providents 460 s.
New Eng. Sh. 670 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh. 100 n.

Mining
Kailan s/- 17/-
Raub 8.55 s.
Venz Goldfield 3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc. 4 n.
Antamoks P. 32 1/2 s.
Atoks P. 30 1/2 s.

ANDS
Hotels 5 1/2 s.
Lands 3 1/2 s.
Lands 4% deb. 104 n.
Shal Lands Sh. 840 n.
Humphreys 863 n.
H.K. Realities 420 s.
Chinese Estates 102 n.

UTILITIES
Trams 1620 b.
Peak Trams (old) 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) 4 n.
Star Ferries 65 s.
Y. Ferries (old) 25 n.
Y. Ferries (new) 24 n.
China Lights (old) 840 s.
China Lights (new) 55 s.
H.K. Electric 55 s.
Macao Electric (x.d.) 17 n.
Sundakan Lights 12 n.
Telephones (old) 22 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) 7 1/4 n.
Traction s/- 21/-
Traction (Pref.) s/- 21/-

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STORES, &c.
Dalry Farms (ex. rls.) 20 1/2 b.
Dry Farms (rils.) 14 1/2 n.
Watsons 7 1/4 n.
Lane Crawford 8 n.
Sinceres 180 n.
Wing On (H.K.) 42 n.
Powell, Ltd. 1 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. 2040 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. 107 n.
Zong Sing Sh. 30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. 40 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainment 6 1/2 b.
Constructions 14 n.
Vibro Piling 7 s.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1025
G.S. Bonds 62 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/4 par b.
Maramans (new) 13 1/2 n.
Maramans (H.K.) s/- 5/-

HAVANA, Apr. 24.—Soldiers and police to-day surrounded Havana Penitentiary and killed three escaped prisoners. The fugitives were surrounded on a farm near La Cabaal after a series of daring hold-ups in the city.—*United Press*.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1889. About once a month we register a blood-curdling rant on the accumulated files of the Telegraph to the effect that the very next time our composition staff exasperate us by their inconceivably idiotic style of spelling we will appeal to our readers, by publishing the paper with all its errors on its head. We don't know that we shan't do it, some day, but in the meantime we will get even to some extent by reproducing, literally, a portion of a familiar recitation, as "set up" the other day by a compositor:

THE BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOON
Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, as his corse to the ramparts. We hurried not a soldier discharged his farewell shot o'er the grave when our hero we buried.

We buried him doubly at dead of night: The sods with our bayonets turning. By the shining moon-bearers mildly light and the lanterns dimly burning.

No mien coffin enclosed his breast nor in shut nor in shored we wound him. But he lay like a waner taking his rest. With his martial clock around him.

Few and short were the prayers and said, and we spoke not a word of sorrow. But we steadfastly gazed on the fall that was dead and we bitterly thought of the morrow.

25 YEARS AGO
April 25, 1914. Mr. Lloyd George is to introduce the Budget next Thursday.

The new and direct telegraph cable of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, between Singapore and Hongkong, the laying of which by the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Co.'s s.s. Colombia has been in progress since the 12th instant, was satisfactorily completed yesterday the final splice being made at a point about 200 miles south of Hongkong.

10 YEARS AGO
April 25, 1929. Chinese reports from Canton are to the effect that Kwangtung has decided to wage war against Kwangsi, and that military movements are already being carried out in accordance with this direction.

5 YEARS AGO
April 25, 1934. In a day of uproar, during which many were shot down in clashes between Socialists and civil guards in Spain, churches and convents were set on fire, and public buildings bombed, plain warnings were given by Senor Gil Robles, the youthful leader of the Fascist organisation, the Catholic Popular Action Party, of plans by the Fascists to seize power.

The threat carries with it the menace of serious bloodshed. Senor Gil Robles indicated an expectation that a Fascist coup would be followed by a revolt by the Socialists and Syndicalists. "If there is a revolution in the street," he said, "we shall go down to the street."

GANG WAR SUSPECTED

Two Men Found With Pipes Filled With Cement

Alleged members of a Triad Society were charged before Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy yesterday with possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose at Third Street, West Point, on Sunday. They were Chiu Leung, 19, and Wan Sheung-pun, 17.

Sgt. Macvey said Chiu was arrested by a Chinese detective with two lengths of iron piping in his possession. Both the pipes were filled with cement. Shortly afterwards another detective arrested Wan, who had two lengths of piping, similarly loaded with cement.

Questioned at the station both men said they were going to meet an opposing gang in Smithfield, Kennedy Town, for a fight, but the gang did not appear. The police, said Sgt. Macvey, suspected that defendants were members of a Triad Society. And anyone been hit by the iron pipes, serious injuries would have been caused, as they were extremely heavy.

Both men declared in Court that they were merely on their way to give the pipes to friends. They said the story told at the police station had been forced on them because they had been assaulted by the police. Chiu and Wan bared their arms to the Magistrate, who, however, said he could see no marks of assault on them.

The men were sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Although prices generally were fairly well maintained, the volume of business was on a restricted scale, giving the appearance of a "wait and see" policy.

Buyers
Canton Insurance \$220
H.K. & S. Wharves \$100
H.K. Docks \$10 1/2
H.K. Lands \$23 1/2
H.K. Tramways \$10 1/2
Telephones (Ord) \$21 1/2
Cements \$12 1/2
Entertainments \$6 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$3 1/4
H.K. Govt. 5% Loan par

Sellers
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H.K. & S. Wharves \$5.53
H.K. Lands \$3 1/2
China Lights (Ord) \$9 1/2
China Lights (New) \$3 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$3 1/4
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United Paracables \$60

Troops Concentrate In Formosa

SWATOW, Apr. 25. Concentration of Japanese troops at Formosa has given rise to new rumours of an imminent invasion of Swatow. As a result, there has been a large-scale evacuation of civilians in the last few days.

Well-informed circles, however, believe that at least part of these Japanese troops are intended to be sent to Canton as reinforcements.

A British gunboat and several United States gunboats are anchored off the Swatow coast.—*Central News*.

NEW TOKYO MAYOR

Rokyo, Apr. 24. Mr. Keikichi Tanomogi, Director of the Minseito Party was elected the 17th Mayor of Tokyo on Sunday.—*United Press*.

APACHE TRIBE GROWS

Tucson, Ariz. Although the extermination of the war-like Apache Indians was once thought to be the only means of making the Southwest safe and steps were taken to control their increase, recent figures show the tribe has increased by 50 per cent since 1870.

Bachelor, 91, Plans Secret Wedding

Porti. MR. MELVILLE GRAY, wealthy 91-years-old bachelor, of Bowerswell House, Porti, announced recently that he is to be secretly married "somewhere in the south-west of England" to Miss Ada Katherine Julius, middle-aged daughter of the late Most Rev. Churchill Julius, Archbishop of New Zealand.

"I am looking forward to bringing my bride back to my home and settling down," he said.

Mr. Gray met his bride-to-be 40 years ago when she was a schoolgirl in New Zealand and he a prosperous sheep-farmer.

They became friends. When Mr. Gray returned to his home 25 years ago they continued their friendship by post.

A month ago Miss Julius came to London from Christchurch, New Zealand. Mr. Gray hurried to London and proposed.

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Michael Bartlett (Tenor) and the London Palladium Orchestra. Through Night To Light (Laurie Lyster). The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.

12.45 You Are My Love Song (film Lilac Domino). My Heart Will Be Dancing (film Lilac Domino). Michael Bartlett (Tenor) with Orchestra. Everybody's Songs (arr. Cecil). Intro: I passed by your window; Somewhere a voice is calling; Down Vauxhall Way; I know of two bright eyes; O lovely night; Raising my voice to the stars. The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 10; Intro: Never in a million years; Will you remember; I've got Begginners' Luck; Smile when you say goodbye; It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; Let's call the whole thing off; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. 11; Intro: On Treasure Island; Thanks a Million; The Music Goes 'Round and 'Round; Some Other Time; A Little Bit Independent; Goodnight Sweetheart.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music. Tango—Questa Notta Ti Dico; Waltz—Coronation Waltz; Monmouth and His Orchestra with Vocal chorus; Fox-Trot—No Regrets; Roy Fox and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel; Subject: "An Artistic Clerk in the City of London Thirtieth Years Ago." Speaker: Mr. C. B. Brown, A.C.A.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Between a kiss and a sigh; (b) Could be; (c) I'm madly in love with you; (d) Miss Annabella Brown. 6.15 Record: Accordion Parade—Medley.

Intro: Sweetheart, Let's Grow Old Together; It's a Sin to Tell a Lie; Touch of your lips; Alone; Poor Little Angelina; These Foolish Things.... The Piano-Accordion Virtuoso with Vocal Chorus.

6.21 (a) Deep in a Dream; (b) Grandma Said; (c) Garden of the Moon; (d) Avalon.

6.35 Records: Stay Close To Me—Waltz (film 'Maurice'); Love's Romance—Slow Fox-Trot.... Fred Stein (Piano); Many Happy Returns Of The Day (film 'Music Hath Charms').... Kitty Masters (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Ride Tenderfoot Ride; (b) When the Heather is in Bloom; (c) Loch Lomond; (d) Madhouse.

7.02 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.02 Songs by Norman Allin (Bass).

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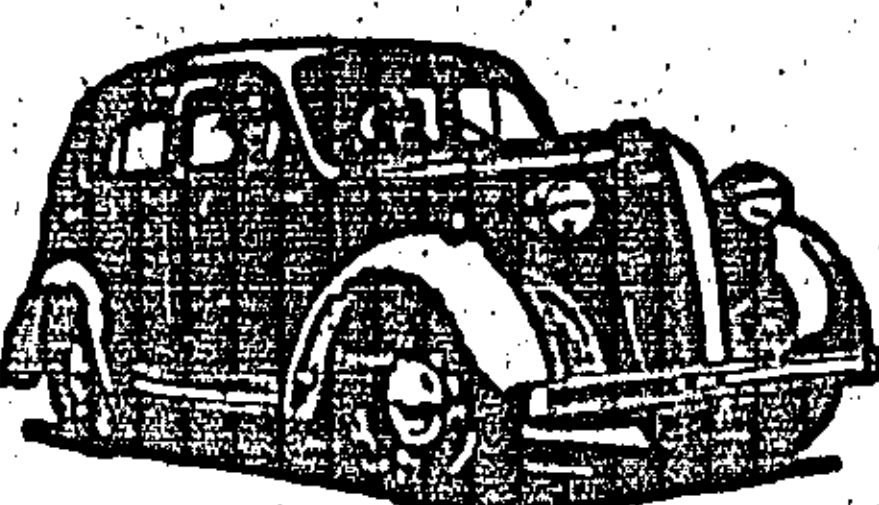
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DEATH

LING.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, on Tuesday, April 25th, 1939, Beatrice Augusta, beloved wife of Dr. Ling Kedeih. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, 26th April, 1939.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.
Wyndham St., Hongkong
Phone 26615
April 25, 1939

City Chaos

IT HAS not needed investigations which have been carried out by the "Telegraph" over a period of several days to disclose that the traffic problem in Hongkong has become completely chaotic.

During observations since last Thursday, it has been found that an average of between 80 and 100 private vehicles illegally park in the streets of the city between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Existing car parks are so filled to overflowing that a mad scramble ensues for empty spaces long before the average motorist is due at his office.

Unless urgent measures are taken by Government, the only possible outcome of the present situation is complete traffic chaos.

It is quite evident that the problem of illegal parking is already beyond remedy by the traffic authorities, since it is manifestly unfair to prosecute motorists who have no alternative but to infringe the regulations.

The number of private vehicles seeking parking accommodation in the city streets is far in excess of the space available.

Twelve months hence, the problem, unless immediately faced, will lead to a complete dislocation of existing methods.

The occupation of the centre of the city's thoroughfares has necessitated, the use of one-way traffic, the banning of two-way vehicle traffic. In Pedder Street it leads to a dislocation of traffic that is already a serious problem on its own.

For the present situation, Government has itself to blame.

The policy of utilising the city's streets as car parks is due to the chaotic conditions now ruling.

Now, with saturation a fact, Government must either allocate other streets and thus add to the existing confusion, or radically alter the entire system.

Motorists themselves must admit that Hongkong is one of the very few cities in the world where free car parking is permitted in streets.

The obvious method is to abolish this system.

The alternatives are to construct enclosed "sky-scrapers" car parks, allotments of the streets, utilising the modern method of elevators for transportation from floor to floor, or to construct underground parks which will not interfere with mobility on the streets.

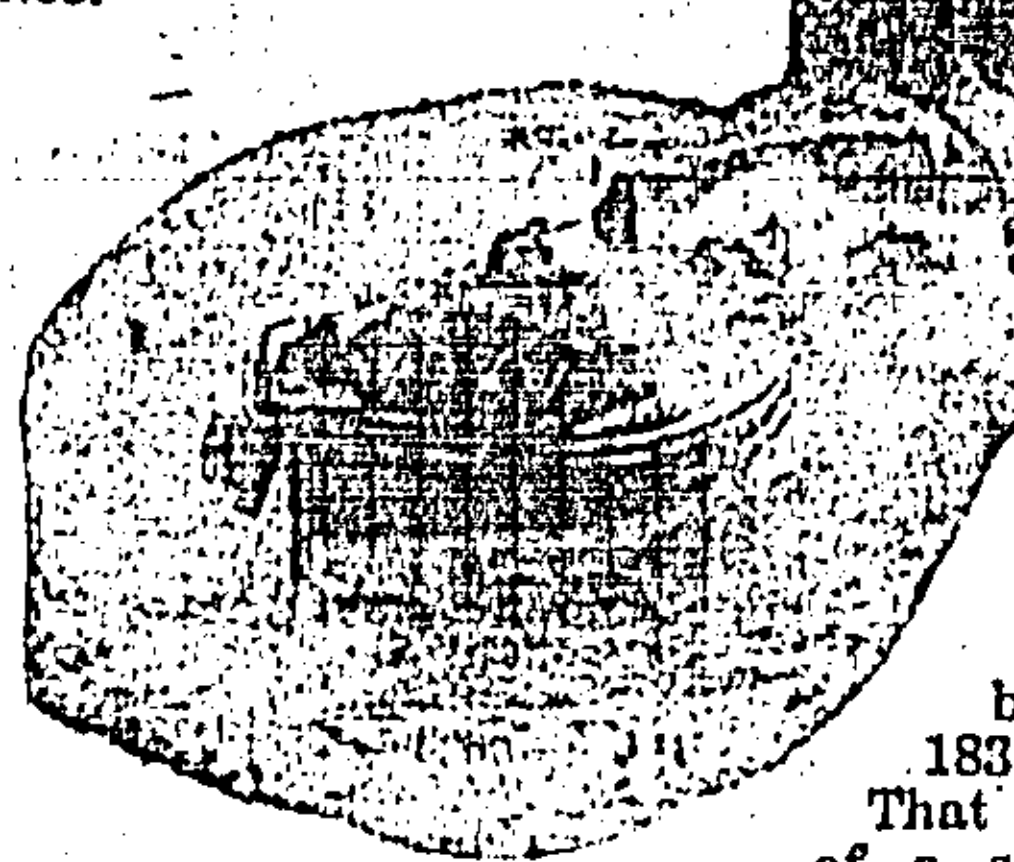
In this connection, the old City Hall site or Beaconsfield Arcade suggest themselves as ideal positions for the former plan.

The alternative plan of digging or tunnelling would probably be more acceptable to this Colony, in view of the fact that such garages could rapidly be converted into air raid shelters in times of emergency.

Private enterprise would quickly solve the Colony's traffic problem if Government would end the competitive system of permitting free parking in the streets. At the risk of incurring the wrath of the Automobile Association, we contend

The Story Of The Brave MEN OF THE SEA

Yesterday a brief "Router" cable told of the death of six lifeboatmen. But for every lifeboatman drowned 160 other men are saved by Britain's lifeboat service. This article tells the story of that service.



THE merchants of South Shields were talking in their common-room; discussing two topics, the chances of an upheaval in France in that year of grace 1789, and the devastating weather that kept them huddling round the fire, when a rending crash drew them to the window, even into the gale that raged outside.

A ship was aground in Tyne-mouth. They saw her sink until only her masts were above water. They watched, helpless, as the frail spars bent with the weight of the crew clinging to them.

It was death to any boat to put out, and the merchants, impotent and horror-stricken, saw the crew drop, one by one, to drown in the swirling waters.

WITHIN a few days the merchants offered the sum of Two Guineas for the design of some type of craft which could be used to save the lives of shipwrecked sailors.

Plan after plan poured in: none of which was considered practicable, although one William Wouldhave, a house-painter and singing-teacher, submitted a model—in tin—of what he called a "self-righting" ship. This was adjudged worth half the prize—which Wouldhave refused. Sixty-two years later—in 1851—its principles were recognised and incorporated in all lifeboats!

Out of all the plans submitted, one lifeboat was evolved, called the Original. It embodied some of the ideas conceived in 1784 by one Lionel Lukin, a London coachbuilder, who had designed what he termed an "unimmovable" boat: i.e., unsinkable. He had transformed a Norwegian yawl into a craft of his design. Lukin it was who, in 1807, designed the type of sailing lifeboat still in use on the East coast.

that motorists have no more right to restricted and free parking in the centre of the city than a man would have shop-keepers to set up their businesses there.

Transportation Breakdown

TO SOME extent the present parking chaos is also due to the breakdown in the system of public transportation between the city and suburbs.

The parking problem is undoubtedly bound up with the fact that many people have become motorists because the passenger ratio to available accommodation in trams and buses—especially in the latter—has passed saturation point.

A measure of relief would be obtained for both motorists and those forced to use existing public transportation systems if the latter could be speeded up and extended.

For some time past we have heard of proposals for double-decker buses in Kowloon. We submit that these are far more urgently required on the island routes, where congestion has reached a point where it is becoming increasingly impossible for city workers to reach their offices or homes at reasonable hours.

Government would do well to institute an inquiry into the entire traffic problem in Hongkong, with special reference to the two points raised by the "Telegraph."

The Original was used at Bamburgh, on the the cruel Northumbrian coast, until, in 1830, she broke in two. That was the beginning of a service which to-day controls 140 motor lifeboats; 24 pulling and sailing lifeboats; a fleet of 164 craft that cover key-points of the entire coast of Great Britain and Ireland. The cost of the boats runs from £5000 to £10,000 per craft; upkeep varies from £400 to £600 a year.

The modern type of boat is 51ft. long, has a range of 120 miles without refuelling, has a speed of 9 knots, carries a crew of 8, and has capacity to carry 100 passengers.

THE service which to-day requires a quarter of a million pounds annually (recruited from voluntary subscription) was officially incorporated with central control in 1824. Then Colonel Sir William Hillary, Bart., who had seen wreck after wreck, flogged by the breakers of the Irish Sea, crash on the rocks of his native Isle of Man, wrote a pamphlet calling for the organisation of such a service.

On the committee formed as a reply sat Wilberforce, the man who freed the slaves; the then Archbishop of Canterbury; Canning, formulator of the Monroe Doctrine; Peel, originator of the police force; Premier Lord Liverpool; Lord John Russell. It received support—one of his proudest achievements—from George IV. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution was a fact.

Six years later Hillary himself went to sea. He headed a crew of 14 and took out the lifeboat that was not yet ready to sail. But a ship had crashed on the rocks, and he would not, could not, refuse the challenge.

Great Spirits in Poor Bodies

By a Wimpole
Street Doctor

IT is a curious thing that, although we should attribute such an exaggerated importance to our bodies, we should endeavour to keep them healthy, clean, and suitably covered, but apart from that surely the only thing that really matters is the essential ego which inhabits the body.

It is that which determines whether we are clever or stupid; good companions, or crashing bores; kindly or selfish; and it is these qualities that decide whether our fellows will like or dislike us.

Up till quite recent times those who were physically afflicted were objects of scorn and derision. The hunchback, the cripple, the blind, and the insane were all regarded as Nature's jokes provided specially to entertain the rest of humanity.

Triumphs Of Will

It is the racial memory of the cruel indignities heaped upon those unfortunate that makes us so tenderly self-conscious of any personal infirmities.

They reached the wreck; they took off the crew. As they sailed back he and three of his fellows were swept overboard. They, in turn, were rescued, and when Hillary came to land he had six ribs broken and his chest "stove in."

The institution he had founded awarded him its gold medal, the V.C. of the Peaceful Seas.

THE institution was founded, but it made little headway. In 1838 Grace Darling's superb exploit from the lighthouse on Farne Island awakened a momentary interest, but it was not until 1849, when a lifeboat capsized in the mouth of the Tyne, that the public really awoke to the crying need for an efficient service. At that time the R.N.L.I.'s funds were £354 p.a.

Then the fourth Duke of Northumberland offered a hundred guineas for the design of a ship. The winner incorporated Wouldhave's plans and the first self-righting lifeboat was bought by Ramsgate.

To tell the epic of the service would be to fill with anonymous heroism every page of every issue for a month and still leave half untold.

In 1861 the Whitby lifeboat went out six times in one day, and capsized with the loss of all hands on the last journey.

In 1914, when all lights were extinguished on account of the war, a hospital ship was wrecked near the same port. One local pulling and sailingboat went out twice in a raging gale; two nearby lifeboats were towed out by trawlers, but could not live in the sea. A third craft was lowered bodily down sheer cliffs, by rope, by hand—but could not make headway against the raging October gale. Another boat was forced back. Only a motor-boat could save 200 who still remained aboard.

The Tynemouth boat was 44 miles away. Within 15 minutes of the call she was out; within

7 hours she was in Whitby; she went out at once and saved the 50 who had survived the 48-hour ordeal.

The Lowestoft boat once went out and stayed out for 17 hours; the average age of the crew was 53; two of the men were 72.

In 1925 men and women of Boulmer (Northumberland) towed the lifeboat nine miles overland. They covered it in seven hours and got the boat afloat.

The men that do this work? Sailors who volunteer for a few shillings of pay paid by piece work. Only the cox gets a retainer: £12 a year. The engineer is a permanent official. The men have a sliding scale (in which the cox shares in addition to his retainer), ranging from 12s. 6d. for a day launch in summer to 56s. 6d. for a day and night session in winter. If a man loses his life on lifeboat work, his dependants receive the equivalent of a Service pension. The R.N.L.I. told me that extra grants are made in cases of appalling danger. The bill for personnel amounts to £50,000 a year.

MORE than 60,000 men, women and children have been saved by the lifeboats of Britain since they were organised. Last year, there were 483 launches, saving 88 vessels, helping 250 ships, saving 637 men.

The R.N.L.I. have distributed 118 gold, 1,000 silver, 200 bronze medals—and they do not award lightly.

Sometimes, as yesterday, as at St. Ives last year, and as in 1928 at Rye, a lifeboat and the bulk or all of its hands are lost; but the proudest of all the proud boasts of the R.N.L.I. is contained in the cold mathematical equation:

One lifeboatman lost—160 men of other ships saved.

Gerald Haylett

By a Wimpole
Street Doctor

been handicapped by half-withered legs. He must originally have possessed immense will-power, but it was the terrible determination necessary first of all to conquer the infantile paralysis that struck him down and secondly to remain absolutely normal in every spiritual respect in spite of his infirmity, that converted him from a great man into a colossus.

Handicaps Overcome

No matter how cruel a physical handicap may be, it can be overcome so long as its possessor does not allow it to become a psychological blight. There was a brilliant young surgeon who lost an arm in the Great War. His whole heart and soul was in surgery, but even a genius cannot operate with one hand.

His career was finished, and few would have blamed him if he had blown out his brains, or drifted into the gutter.

Instead of doing anything so weakly foolish, this man took up the study of skin diseases, and is now one of the world's leading dermatologists, perhaps the only branch of healing in which the loss of an arm is not an insuperable handicap. That is Professor F. J. Burgess, of McGill University, Montreal.

The late Sir Arthur Pearson triumphantly demonstrated to the world that even the affliction of blindness need be no bar to success. He is, in fact, remembered to-day for the work he did for the blind after losing his sight.

With inspiring examples like these before us, why should some of us be so absurdly sensitive about physical faults? Why should we allow them to transform us into cringing, shy, apologetic creatures, or else make us tiresomely aggressive?

They have not the slightest effect on the essential spirit that dwells within us. There are a number of reasons. Perhaps the most important is selfishness. We have been made to suffer and we are going to take jolly good care that everyone else suffers as well. Or we may find that our infirmity attracts attention, so to keep in the limelight we continually make a parade of it. Or perhaps we discover it arouses sympathy, so we unblushingly exploit that sympathy in order to benefit personally.

This selfish attitude defeats itself speedily; before very long we become psychological lepers who deserve segregation from the rest of humanity.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

European Outlook Forecast

CHINESE DIPLOMAT HOPEFUL

Signs Of Peace A Year Hence

London, Apr. 24. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador, speaking at a meeting of the Manchester China Relief Committee, thought that in another year's time, whether there is an international war or not, we shall see signs of a peaceful settlement. The influences contributing thereto were the heartening fact that the European nations were at last beginning to resist aggression, as indicated by Mr. Franklin Roosevelt sending the American fleet to the Pacific and Mr. Neville Chamberlain's promise that China will be kept in mind in forming a combination of countries to resist aggression, also that the Japanese people, against whom China had no quarrel, were beginning to get war-weary. The Japanese militarists, however, would not give up their designs of conquest yet. Meantime the Chinese people would carry on the fight with redoubled energy.

Mr. Gordon Thompson, Secretary of the British China Relief Fund, said that every advance or retreat of the Chinese troops meant more suffering. His appeal for 50,000 field dressings by the end of April has been already met. Manchester contributed 17,000. He has appealed for another 50,000. —Reuter.

AMBAASSADORS' VISIT

London, Apr. 24. Asked by Mr. Gallacher in the House of Commons what Sir Robert Craigie and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr discussed in their recent meeting in Shanghai, Mr. Butler said that Sir Robert Craigie made it clear that the primary object of taking a short period of local leave. He took the opportunity of comparing notes on a number of matters of common interest with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, routine visits to the headquarters of the Government to which he is accredited. No special significance need be attached to this. Mr. Gallacher asked if Mr. Butler was prepared to make a statement regarding support for the heroic Chinese who are repelling the Japanese and Mr. Butler replied that the general attitude of the Government on this matter is well known. —Reuter.

Japan

Festival Of The Black Ship

Tokyo, Apr. 24. With thousands of prominent Japanese and American citizens in attendance, together with 20 officers and men from the American cruiser Astoria, the "Black Ship Festival" was held this afternoon at Shimoda, Shizuoka Prefecture, in celebration of the coming of Commodore Matthew C. Perry to Japan in 1853. An address from the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hiroshi Arima, was read by the Parliamentary Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Tomesaburo Shimizu. The address reads: "To-day we are gathered at the port of Shimoda, a place closely bound with Japan's foreign relations at the dawn of her modern history, to fittingly observe the Black Ship Festival.

"It is with a deep sense of admiration that we recall the great service rendered by many of our forebears and by Commodore Matthew Perry and the Consul-General Mr. Townsend Harris, their noteworthy contributions will long remain fresh in the memory of the Japanese people. "Thanks to the foresight and courage of our leaders during the closing days of the Tokugawa Shogunate, Japan was able to pursue the right course and open her doors to foreign intercourse despite the grave diplomatic situation and the clamorous opposition of that time.

"At a time when the international political situation is more complex than ever before, and the state of affairs in East Asia is such as to call for our increased determination, it is indeed most gratifying to our Government and people that the foundation of friendly relations between Japan and America, established during 1853, is being further strengthened.

Britain

Compulsory Military Service Unlikely

London, Apr. 24. Press comments this morning indicate that the decision whether military conscription is to be introduced in Britain cannot be delayed much longer. It is generally believed, however, that there is little chance of such an introduction especially owing to the persistent opposition of the Labour Party. The papers hint at the strong pressure exerted by France and the British Government for speedy introduction of military conscription in Britain and point out the good impression such a British step would make in the smaller European countries.

The Daily Telegraph states that several Cabinet members are in favour of forced service for able bodied men between 18 and 20. —Trans-Ocean.

KING'S THANKS

London, Apr. 24. Lord Munster speaking to 2,000 national service recruits said that he has been commanded by His Majesty the King to say how greatly he appreciates the patriotic service they were rendering.

The Football Association are to ask all the 210 clubs in membership to play their part in the new drive for national service recruits. It is intended that players should join territorial units as clubs so that they can remain together for training. —Reuter's Bulletin.

YUGO-SLAVIAN VISITOR

Munich, Apr. 24. The 1,210-ton Yugo-Slav destroyer Bograd recently built in France has arrived here on a four-day visit. —United Press.

GIBRALTAR CONSERVES

It is announced that the export of certain foodstuffs has been prohibited in Gibraltar except under licence. The object of the prohibition is to ensure that a sufficient reserve of stocks of all essential foodstuffs will be available at all times, as the Controller of Supplies will determine. —Reuter.

AMERICAN'S VIEW

Chungking, Apr. 24. Doctor T. J. Orchard, Professor of Economic Geography at Columbia University, now visiting Chungking, in an interview with United Press stated that the Japanese activity is going on in Malaya and the Straits Settlements in preparation for a prospective war in Europe, which will probably result in Japanese aggression in this area.

Dr. Orchard said that all able bodied men had been formed into a protective corps and were drilling strenuously. There were also plans for immediate evacuation of all women and children to Australia. "However," he added, "the men are prepared to fight to preserve their plantations and homes." —United Press.

SINGAPORE GIFT

Singapore, Apr. 24. The Legislative Council approved the gift of £1,000,000 for Imperial defence. This is in addition to the usual contribution of £750,000. The Governor expressed the appreciation of the British Government, and said that the Commander-in-Chief of Malaya would recommend that the money be spent on the local volunteer defence force.

The food control bill was also read a second time. —Reuter's Bulletin.

NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, Apr. 24. Mr. Savage, Premier of New Zealand, in an interview, hinted that a force of 50,000 may be required for New Zealand defences.

Mr. Savage declared that the first thing "we have to do in order to help Britain is to help ourselves." The Government, he said, is determined to do its part as a unit in the defence of the Empire. —Reuter Special.

Germany

HITLER'S "NO" TO ROOSEVELT

Berlin, Apr. 24. The press forecast that Hitler's speech in the Reichstag on Friday would reject President Roosevelt's proposals. "We need no mediator and definitely not this one," says one paper. —Reuter Bulletin.

REPLY BY EGYPT

Cairo, Apr. 24. According to the newspaper Al Ahram, Egypt has received an enquiry from Germany regarding her sentiments on the question of aggression.

Egypt replied that she was not informed of President Roosevelt's message to Hitler and Mussolini beforehand.

It was added that while deeply interested in safeguarding her integrity she naturally welcomed any undertaking of non-aggression. —Reuter.

NORWAY'S REPLY

Oslo, Apr. 24. Norway answered the questionnaire set by Germany in the same sense as those received from other smaller Powers. She declared that the country has no fear of a threat from Germany, but said that if a general war broke out Norway would feel to be in danger therefrom. —Reuter Bulletin.

Assault In Wanchai

Some excitement was caused at 11.15 p.m. yesterday when a young Chinese was suddenly set upon by six persons on Hennessy Road near Tin Lok Lane.

The incident was witnessed by many pedestrians, a number of whom attempted to arrest the assailants, who, however, managed to escape. The victim, Lai Kwo-wai, 24, was subsequently taken to the Queen Mary Hospital by the Fire Brigade Ambulance, with injuries to the body. He was, however, not detained. The motive of the attack is not known.

Yugo-Slavia And The Axis

Marcovic Going To Berlin

Paris, Apr. 23. It is pointed out that Italy is endeavouring to adjust relations between Hungary and Yugo-Slavia and following the Venice conversations, the Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, M. Marcovic, will proceed to Budapest to sign a new agreement for rapprochement with the Hungarian Government.

French circles confirm that Yugo-Slavia's adherence to the anti-Comintern pact has been discussed between the Italian and Yugo-Slavian Foreign Ministers at Venice. Prince Paul, the Prince Regent of Yugo-Slavia, will pay an official visit to Rome at the end of May. —Domei.

TRIUMPH FOR AXIS

Berlin, Apr. 24. The results of the Italo-Yugo-Slav talks at Venice are viewed here as a triumph for the Axis powers, and a further success in their campaign to shatter the policy of encirclement.

Berlin morning papers carry headlines "Encirclement Agitators Turned Down. Intervention Efforts Fail." —United Press.

Reich Diplomacy

Berlin, Apr. 24. A second dose of "axis persuasion" is in store for M. Marcovic, Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, when he arrives on April 28. Official circles evidently place great hopes on the visit.

Little secret is made of the fact that Germany's programme is to increase intimacy with the Balkan countries, taking the form of an "anti-encirclement bloc."

While political quarters have little doubt about the participation of Hungary, and even Bulgaria, a special effort is being made to bring in Yugo-Slavia. The Nazis will probably tell M. Marcovic that Germany gives full support to whatever Italy chooses to regard as her living space in the Adriatic. They may also raise the question of German minorities in Yugo-Slavia and Croatia, in a form which would inevitably remind M. Marcovic of the peculiar similarities between Yugo-Slavia and the former Czechoslovakia.

Yugo-Slav circles here anticipate that M. Marcovic will do his best to maintain a neutral and non-committal attitude. —Reuter.

Rumania

LEITH ROSS MISSION ARRIVES

Bucharest, Apr. 24. The Leith-Ross mission arrived in Bucharest in what observers consider a serious effort to prevent Rumania falling under Germany's exclusive economic hegemony. They believe that Britain's best chances for success lie in two paths—to increase the volume of British-Rumanian trade, possibly by subsidies, and to insist in long term Rumanian industries.

It is believed that the Leith-Ross mission goal is to achieve in the economic domain the same influence that Britain gained in the political domain by guarantees of Rumania's independence. Some political quarters are asking themselves if Britain has not arrived too late. —United Press.

CONVERSATIONS BEGIN

London, Apr. 24. M. Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, began his talks this morning when he called at the Foreign Office to see Lord Halifax. He will see Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons this afternoon.

The Minister was accompanied by two secretaries, but no commercial experts.

Trade discussions between Rumania and Britain, however, will begin at Bucharest to-morrow where the Leith-Ross mission is due to-day. It is not known whether M. Gafencu will have conversations with Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade. It is understood that formal meetings have not been fixed yet. —Reuter.

LEITH ROSS MISSION

London, Apr. 24. —Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, head of the British trade mission to Rumania, said that the visit was made at the suggestion of King Carol when he invited Leith-Ross recently. The object was to increase trade in both directions. —Reuter's Bulletin.

Sir Frederick added that as Britain is a free country for trade,

Shanghai

BRITON'S FACE IS SLAPPED

Shanghai, Apr. 24. It is understood from a reliable source that a Japanese navy man slapped the British Assistant Commissioner of the Municipal Police, Mr. A. D. Smson, in the course of an argument at the General Hospital following a Japanese bus and motor car collision in which Mr. Betram Lillie, a Britisher and Principal of the Lester School who had returned from England to-day, was killed, and Mrs. Lillie and a British sergeant of the Municipal Police, R. J. Wimsell, were seriously injured. —United Press.

Mystifying Movements Of Ambassador

Chamberlain To Make A Statement

London, Apr. 24. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is expected to make a statement in the Commons to-day on Sir Nevile Henderson's unheralded and almost secret departure for Berlin yesterday. It is understood that the departure was the result of important discussions the Ambassador had with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax in the past 48 hours.

The impression in political circles is that Sir Neville left with special instructions and may return to London again to report to the Cabinet after Hitler's speech in the Reichstag.

The Ambassador's mysterious departure threatened this morning to overshadow M. Gafencu's conversations with Lord Halifax. While his return will be found to be fully in line with the Government's policy of the past few months nevertheless it is felt that one last week was it authoritatively stated that Sir Neville would not return to Berlin. —United Press.

DECREASED TENSION

Paris, Apr. 24. The news that Sir Neville Henderson has returned to his post in Berlin has made a most profound impression in French political circles, and is regarded as confirmation of the increasing relaxation of international tension. Whether the French Ambassador, M. Robert Coulondre, will now return to Berlin is difficult to ascertain. —Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH PRESSURE

Paris, Apr. 24. The question of introduction of conscription in Britain, M. Gafencu's visit to London, and the Anglo-Soviet conversations occupy the attention of the press.

"The hour to introduce conscription to Britain has come," declares Pertinax in L'Ordre, while Dornes writes in Figaro, "Undoubtedly there is no more important question on which to take a decision. To postpone that the time has surely arrived for Britain to build up an army personnel capable of doing justice to her magnificent war material."

Both Pertinax and Kerillis (in L'Epoque) stress the importance of the talks with Russia. Kerillis writes that if Britain concludes an alliance with Russia, Hitler will again adopt a wait and see policy. —Reuter.

JAPAN'S DEAD

Heroes Honoured At Famous Shrine

Tokyo, Apr. 24. With the spirits of 10,389 war heroes enshrined there, the extraordinary spring festival of the Yasukuni Shrine to the memory of the officers and men killed in connection with the China Affair began to-day.

A ceremony to mark formal opening of the Festival was observed in a solemn atmosphere before the shrine of the Shrine at 8 a.m. in the presence of Viscount Aridono Chigusa, Master of Ceremonies, acting as the proxy of His Majesty, the Emperor, and many high officials of the Government, the Army and the Navy. Mr. Suzuki, the Chief Priest of the National Shrine, advanced prayers before the spirits of the National heroes.

About 30,000 relatives of the enshrined lined up in the ground in front of the sanctuary. Admiral Gengo Hyakutake, Chairman of the Festival Committee, Lieut-General Seisiro Inagaki, the War Minister, and Admiral Mitsunasa Yonai, the Navy Minister, presented gifts on the sacred stand.

As members of the bereaved families offered their prayers, many and many a tearful face was seen. Relatives of the war heroes who assembled from all parts of the country to attend the Festival rites, are permitted by the Emperor to visit the Imperial Guard Shrine. The first group of 1,300 viewed the cherry blossoms in full bloom in the Garden this afternoon. —Domei.

Increased of Rumanian imports into Britain would not in any way prejudice Empire and Dominion trade. —Reuter Bulletin.

Shanghai Suicide

Shanghai, Apr. 24. An American businessman, Mr. J. Rosenfeld, committed suicide here to-day in his office, with a Shanghai Volunteer Corps revolver.

He left a note explaining that the motive was "financial troubles." It is understood that he was particularly depressed over his business which faced bankruptcy because the Japanese have taken over control of the northern fur sources. He is survived by his wife and child. —United Press.

China

FURTHER LOANS PREDICTED

Chungking, Apr. 24. Dr. T. J. Orchard, of Columbia University, said that he believed that more British and American loans to China would be made in the future.

He said, "Economists regard these loans as political rather than economic expedients."

"I am amazed at the amount of industrial activity in Western China," he said that he believed that Chinese economists recognize that the economic development of the west was a "war stop-gap," and when the hostilities ended industries would move back to the coast and to other areas where transportation was more easy and where there was a greater supply of raw materials available.

He said that he did not believe that Western China would ever be a great economic centre.

"However," he continued, "China will certainly have a greater industrial activity after the war ends as a result of this construction."

If China maintains her sovereignty he said, this will result in a demand for foreign capital in the form of machinery and heavy goods.

Dr. Orchard stated that American capitalists would certainly be willing to supply these goods.

Informed circles outside China had told Dr. Orchard that Britain was making an effort to mediate in the war at present and there were some circles that feared that Britain might sacrifice China's interests in an effort to maintain her own interests and protect Hongkong, Singapore and Burma.

"What I have learned here," concluded Dr. Orchard, "indicates that China at present is unwilling to mediate on these terms."

Dr. Orchard said that Britain will carefully watch the diplomatic steps with regard to the Far East, because she does not want to antagonise the American pro-British public, which would not stand for a "sell-out" of China.

Dr. Orchard is considered one of America's authorities on Far Eastern economics and he is the author of several books on Far Eastern questions. After visiting Kunming, Haiphong, Hongkong and Shanghai, he plans to go to North China, Manchuria and Japan to study economic questions in those areas. —United Press.

Australia

Mr. Menzies Chooses His New Cabinet

Melbourne, Apr. 24. The new Australian Cabinet includes the following:

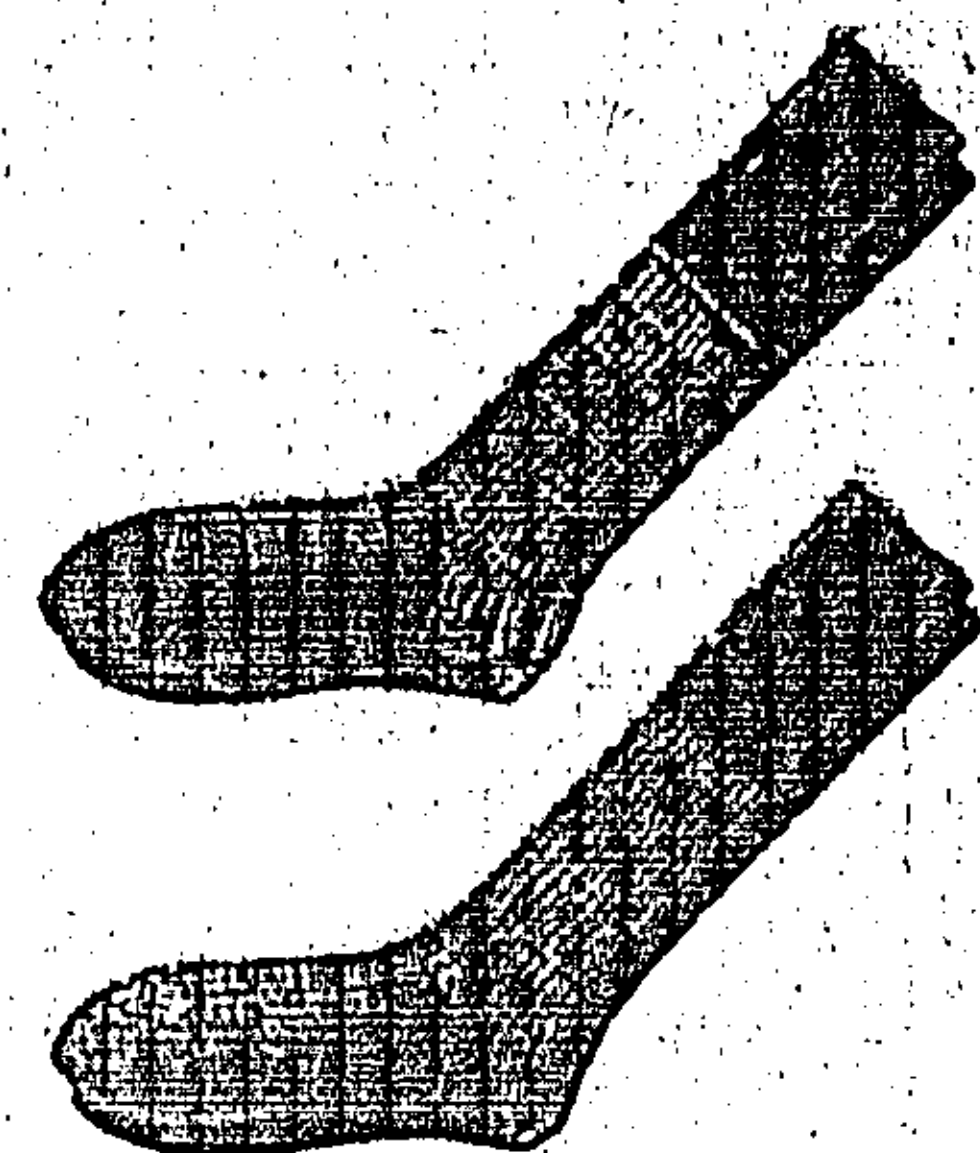
Premier and Treasurer, Mr. R. D. Menzies; Attorney-General and Minister for Industry, Mr. W. M. Hughes; Supply and Development, Mr. R. G. Casey; Defence, Brigadier G. A. Street; External Affairs, Sir Henry Gellert; Interior, Senator H. E. Holt; Health and Social Services, Sir Frederick Stewart; Commerce, Senator McLeay, Vice-President of Executive Council; Civil Aviation and Assistant Defence Minister, Mr. V. Fairbairn; Postmaster-General and Repatriation Minister, Mr. E. J. Harrison; Customs and Trade, Mr. J. N. Lawson. —Reuter.

The new cabinet has been chosen following the appointment of Mr. Menzies as Prime Minister after the sudden death of Mr. Joseph Lyons.

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MADRID WEDDINGS

Madrid, Apr. 24. Madrid during the next two months will witness something like 650 weddings each day. The reason for this is that the ecclesiastical authorities have strongly exhorted all those young couples who were married at the registry office during the Republican regime to go through a church ceremony. Owing to the shortage of priests

BISHOP OF LONDON

London, Apr. 24. The King has nominated the Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Bishop of Chester, for election as Bishop of London in succession to the Right Rev. A. P. W. Ingram, who is retiring. —Reuter Bulletin.

In Madrid, arrangements have been made for collective weddings. —Trans-Ocean.

TAME ENDING TO QUARTER-FINAL TENNIS MATCH



TUSSELE FOR THE BALL between Sid Fowler, the English outside-right, and a Portuguese defender in the International Hockey final played at King's Park on Sunday. England won by two goals to nil after the worst match of the 1939 series.—Staff Photographer.

LATEST GOSSIP FROM HOMESIDE SPORTS FIELDS

Cup Competition Suggested For Third Division Teams

London, Apr. 10. A CUP competition for the whole of the Third Division of the Football League may replace the present Northern and Southern Section cup tournaments. These have been failures this season and every club taking part has lost on the matches. The new proposal to run one competition for both sections will be discussed on the eve of the Cup Final, April 28, when officials of the two groups meet in London.

WHEN Albert Brown, John Oakes and Sam Bartram reach Durban during the F. A. tour of South Africa they will do a job for their manager. In 1929, when Seed was captain of the last touring side, he planted a tree behind the stand on the Durban Test match ground, where the never-ending timeless Test was played. This is done by the captains of all touring cricket and football teams. The Charlton manager has asked his three players to water the Seed tree and to report to him about its growth.

THE Davis Cup lawn tennis tie between Great Britain and New Zealand in the second round of the European zone, has been provisionally fixed for May 11, 12 and 13 at the Sussex County Lawn Tennis Club, Brighton. New Zealand's team will be C. E. Maltroy, D. C. Coombe, A. D. Brown and N. V. Edwards. Edwards has not been in this country before, but is the present champion of New Zealand.

NORTHAMPTON Town had no luck on April 8. In the train on the way to Southend, McCullough,

the right-back, was taken ill and the team had to be rearranged, with Thayne at right-back and Barrett at centre-half. Then, after only seven minutes' play, left-back Russell fell awkwardly and broke his right leg. He was carried from the field on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

HOW'S this for a record? In the Glasgow Junior Challenge Cup tie between Shawfield and Ashfield at Glasgow, six penalty kicks were missed.

MR. Frederick Hart, a traveller of Cambridge on April 8 caught a young fox by hand between Hilton, Hunts, and Elsworth, Cambridgeshire. He handed it over to the Cambridgeshire Hunt Kennels at Caxton. He saw the fox run into a hedge and grabbed it by the tail. It snarled at him, so he released his hold and stunned it and put it in a box.

BILL McCracken, the Aldershot manager, has suggested two innovations to the Football Association. The first is that all footballs should be pumped up to a standard pressure

Racing

Latest Calls-Over For Classics

London, Apr. 24. The following is the call-over for the Derby:

13/2 Blue Peter (o), 7/1 (t)
17/2 Fox Cub (t. and o.)
100/8 Signal Light (t. and o.)
100/7 Fairstone (o)
10/1 Dhool (t. and o.)
20/1 Wheatland (t. and o.)
25/1 Romeo II (t. and o.)

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, Apr. 24. The following is the call-over for the Two Thousand Guineas:

9/2 Blue Peter (o), 5/1 (t)
100/15 Diol (t. and o.)
100/12 Fairstone (o)
100/8 Romeo II (o), 12/1 (t)
100/8 Wheatland (o)
100/8 Dispenser (o)
100/8 Admiral's Walk (o), 100/7 (t)
100/7 Casanova (o)
100/6 Tamworth (o)
Signal Light is not running in the Two Thousand Guineas.—Reuter.

(Just like tyres on a motor car) and that all League grounds should be standardised as regards length and breadth.

THE Household Brigade Steeple-chases at Hawthorn Hill have been unlucky in weather both this year and last. In 1938 the two-day meeting had to be abandoned altogether owing to the ground being too hard, and the first day this time the ground was almost too soft and horses had no easy task both in taking off and landing on the sodden ground. The second day was cancelled on this account.

GEORGE Allison of the Arsenal Club thinks footballers are adequately paid. Writing in the Sunday Express he remarks:

"In certain cases some clubs could afford to pay higher wages to their players but I doubt if many people will argue that a footballer receiving a maximum wage of £1 per week during the playing season, plus bonuses and benefit money is badly off. Included in the suggestions put forward by the Players' Union is one concerning an increase in talent money, or bonuses, if you prefer the word. Again let me express a purely personal opinion. I have always held the view that success should be suitably rewarded, but I am definitely against the bonus system. I don't believe in paying a player a certain amount of money for winning this or that match. It is his mission to give of his best whether in the hour of victory or defeat."

TORQUAY United are having a bad time. You can gather the enthusiasm for the club among the townspeople when at a public meeting called to launch a scheme of subscription to the issue of 6/- shares, only about three dozen people turned up.

THERE is hope for the elderly golfer. Sandy Herd on April 24 will be seventy-one, yet he is again competing for the British Open championship at St. Andrews. A noble effort this, for it is exactly fifty-four years since he played in his first Open championship at St. Andrews, at the age of seventeen. How times have changed! Nowadays there are upwards of 550 competitors compared with the odd fifty or so when Sandy first entered. Every one will, I am sure, wish Alexander Herd well in this, perhaps his final, championship, at the head-quarters of the game. And, knowing him, he will be as enthusiastic to acquire himself as well in 1939 as he was in 1885.

BAD refereeing has been blamed for a great deal of the rough play in League football this season. 12 points to nil.

EARLY PROMISE NOT KEPT UP BY HO KA-LAU

Tsui Yun-Pui Improves After A Shaky Start

(By "Abu")

For just a while yesterday it seemed that the stand court match between Tsui Yun-pui and Ho Ka-lau in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship might end in an upset. The former, who was expected to win, was playing very badly and the latter was surprisingly good in the first four games, all of which he won; but the state of affairs did not last, and the favourite improved to win with an ease which contrasted strangely with the even play of the first set.

The final scores in favour of Tsui were 7-5, 6-0. While there was a doubt of his ascendancy in the second set, he was somewhat lucky to annex the first, though in fairness to him one must say that the manner in which he fought back from a bad start was deserving of the highest praise. Until he changed his racket after losing the first four games, he was extremely tentative in his striking whereas Ho went almost gaily to his points, revealing a confidence which seemed to bode ill for his younger opponent.

Helped along by the erratic play of Tsui, Ho had an easy passage in the opening games and in a very short time had established a lead of 4-0. Then Tsui changed his racket, and from this stage onwards Ho's merry progress was checked. Nevertheless, Ho was twice within a point of going to a 5-1 lead. Each time he was pulled back, and taking advantage of the respite, Tsui not only won this important sixth game but also the next two to square matters. Ho was not yet finished and won the ninth to lead 5-4, but this was the end of his success. Tsui won nine games in a row to take the first set at 7-5 and the second to love.

In the second set Ho was completely outclassed by a player who, after a shaky start, was now riding on the crest of the wave. There was none of that hesitancy which had marked Tsui's play in the opening games, and his driving and volleying bore the hall-mark of a man who had regained his confidence and was now showing his real qualities. In the circumstances Ho's fight became a hopeless one.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

The first semi-final match of the current championships will be decided to-day when A. Tsui-Wai (holder) meets S. A. Rumjahn, many times former champion. This meeting of old rivals should produce a good match. Most judges of the game are of the opinion that Tsui

is head and shoulders above any body else in the singles tournament, and he should win to-day. But Rumjahn, as is well-known, is a great-hearted player and never admits defeat until the last point has been lost. Furthermore he is celebrating the 20th anniversary of his participation in the Colony tennis championships, and may be relied upon to give a good account of himself.

The match will start at 4.30 p.m.

ENGLISH SOCCER RESULTS

London, Apr. 24. Matches played in the English Football League to-day had no bearing at all on promotion and relegation.

The following were the results:

SECOND DIVISION	
Coventry	0 West Ham
Chesterfield	0 Fulham
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Queens P.R.	1 Clapton O.
Walsall	5 Swindon
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Hullfax	3 Gateshead
Stockport	3 York

—Reuter.

IRELAND WINS AT HOCKEY

Defeating Scotland by two goals to nil on April 1 in Dublin, Ireland won the international hockey championship for the third year in succession. Both teams played well but the Scottish goalkeeper, McEwan, gave a very fine exhibition in the first half.

The two Scottish full-backs covered well, but the visiting forwards did not get going properly. McDonough scored the first goal for Ireland. The two Irish full-backs played their usual sound game, and the centre-half, Coulson, played so well that this must have been his finest game of the season. Of the Irish forwards McDonough was very good, as also was McVeagh, the Irish captain. The other Irish forwards were not so good though Bowden scored Ireland's second goal cleverly. The Irish goalkeeper was in brilliant form.

Result: Ireland 2, Scotland 0.

The final table is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Ireland	3	3	0	0	5	0
England	3	2	0	1	5	2
Scotland	3	1	0	2	2	4
Wales	3	0	0	3	2	8

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

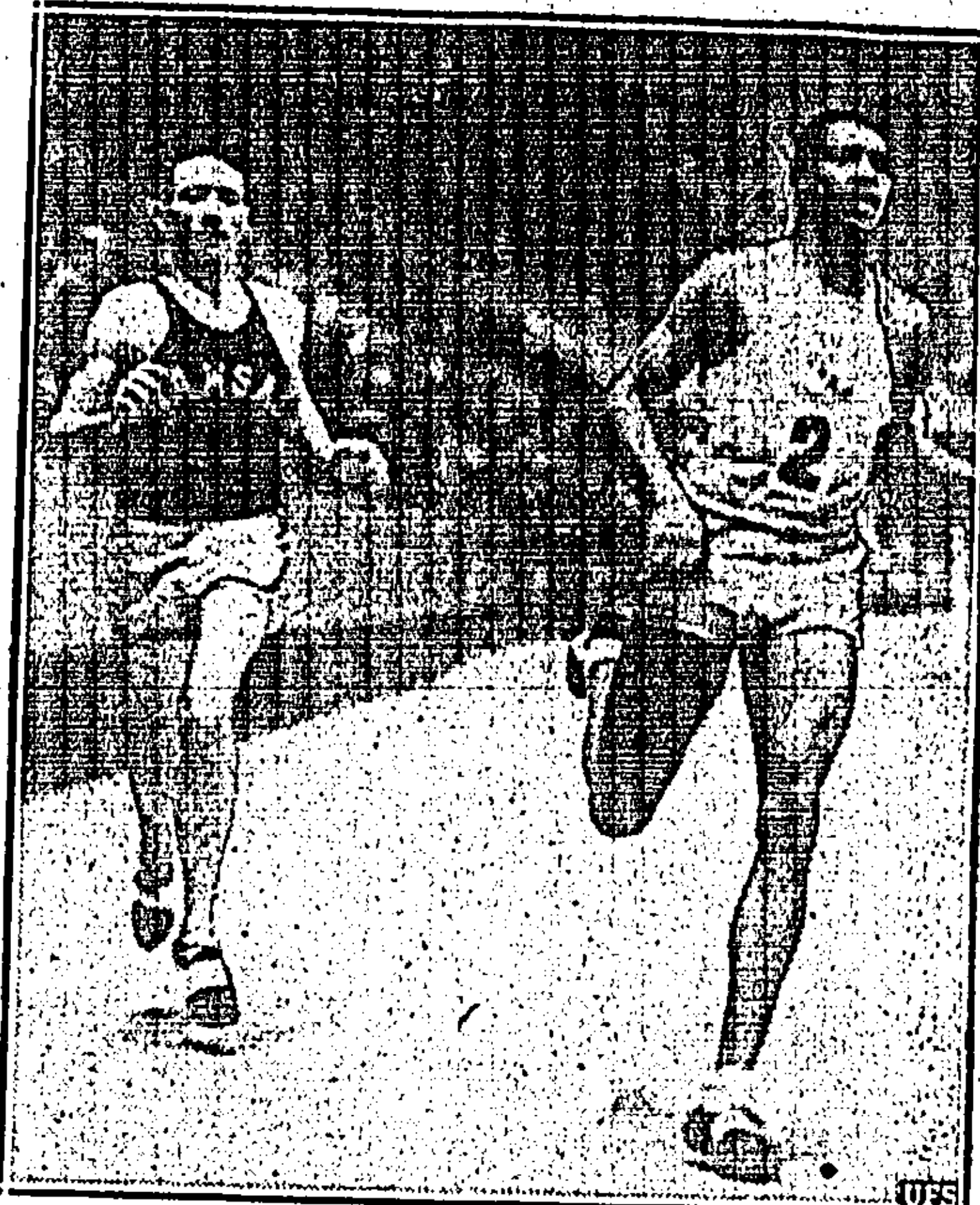
London, Apr. 24. Several Rugby League matches were played to-day, the results being as follows:

Salford	23	Broughton	2
Huddersfield	22	Kelsoley	6
St. Helen's	4	Hallifax	25

—Reuter.

TRACK RIDERS' ESCAPE

Santa Rosa, Cal. Apr. 17. A terrible accident in which twelve drivers were injured occurred in a dirt track race here yesterday when two cars crashed into each other, skidded wildly across the track, and caused sixteen other cars to smash into them. Although most of the cars were completely destroyed, there were no drivers killed.—Havas.



WORLD MARK—Borican beating Cunningham at the K. of C. track meet, New York, with new world mark of 2:08.8 for 1,000 yards. Starter protested, saying Borican boat gun.

Hongkong F. C. Have Only Two Teams In Lawn Bowls League

'B' Side Withdraws: Second Division Fixtures Revised

(By "Abu")

The Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association has officially been informed that the Hongkong Football Club are entering only two teams in the League instead of three as they had originally intended.

As a result of this decision by the Hongkong F.C., fixtures in the Second Division have had to be revised completely. At first, the Hongkong F.C. had two teams in this division; now they have only one.

Teams participating in the Second Division of the League are requested to note the re-arranged fixtures for the opening week. The official fixture cards are now in the course of being printed and will be ready sometime during the week. Their appearance has been delayed as the result of the revision in the fixtures following the withdrawal of the Hongkong F.C. "B" team.

First and Third Division fixtures are not affected at all.

For the information of clubs, the following are the fixtures for the first two weeks of the League:

First Division	
Kowloon Docks	v. Civil Service C.C.
Recreio "A"	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Craigengower C.C.	v. Recreio "B"
Indian H.C.	v. Kowloon C.C.
Second Division	
Civil Service C.C.	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Tai Koo F.C.	v. Craigengower C.C.
Kowloon Tong	v. Kowloon F.C.
Hongkong F.C.	v. Police R.C.
Third Division	
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Stanley
Kowloon C.C.	v. Recreio
Hongkong F.C.	v. Kowloon F.C.
Craigengower C.C.	v. Hongkong Electric (Yacht Club no match)

MAY 6	
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Kowloon Docks	v. Craigengower C.C.
Police R.C.	v. Recreio "A"
Recreio "B"	v. Kowloon C.C.
Second Division	
Craigengower C.C.	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Kowloon F.C.	v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon Tong	v. Hongkong F.C.
Police R.C.	v. Tai Koo F.C.
Third Division	
Craigengower C.C.	v. Recreio
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Hongkong F.C.
Yacht Club	v. Kowloon C.C.
Kowloon F.C.	v. Hongkong Electric (Stanley no match)

English Amateur Golf Tournament At Southport

Southport, Apr. 24. About 250 players are participating in the English Amateur Golf Championship on the Birkdale course.

The first round was played to-day. The really surprising result is thought to be that in which E. B. Tipping, former runner-up, was beaten by H. L. Graham by one hole. —Reuter.

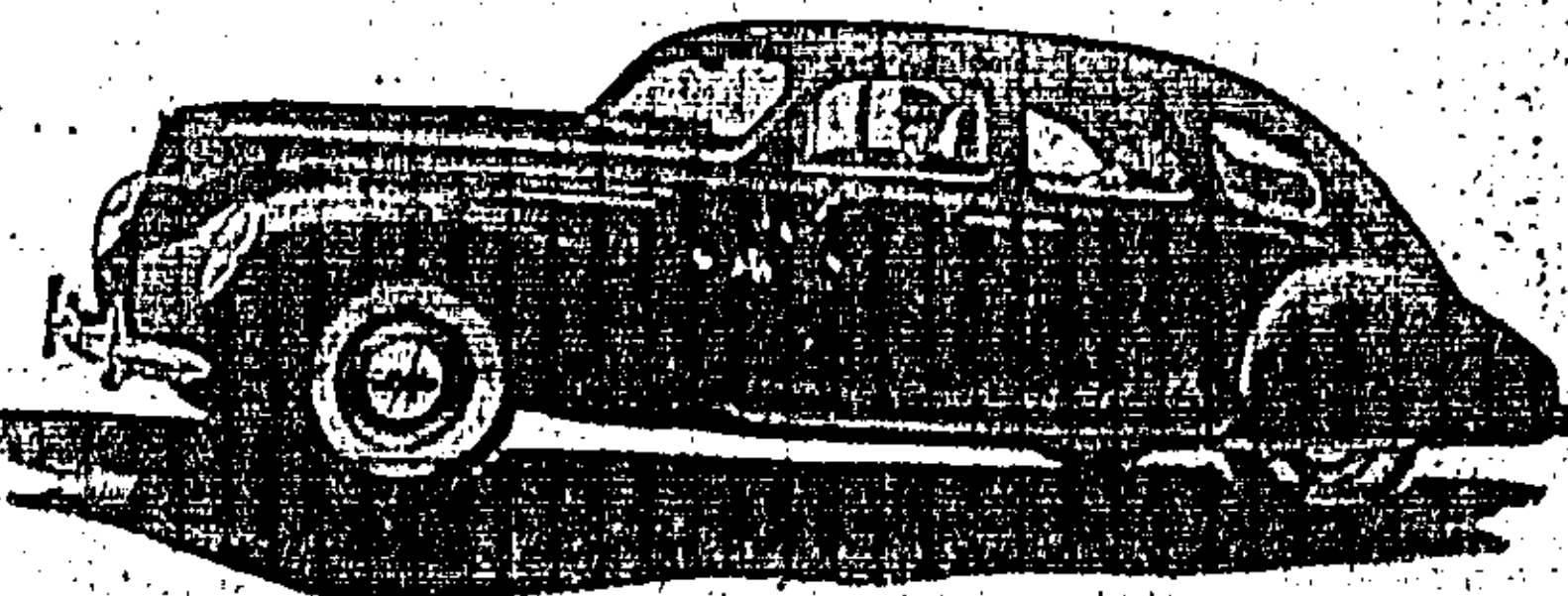
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By Ernie Bushmiller

Henry Armstrong Looks Forward To His Scheduled Fight With Ernie Roderick

Certain He Will Get A Square Deal From English Boxing Crowd

(By Henry Super United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Apr. 14. Henry Armstrong snapped the lock on the last trunk, rushed to a doctor's office to have the plaster cast removed from his left hand, and announced that he was all set for his first fight expedition to England.

The little perpetual motion man from Los Angeles, champion of the lightweight and welterweight divisions, sails to defend the welter crown on May 22 in London against Ernie Roderick, the English champion, and "to have some fun."

It will be one of the largest fights in years with a party that includes Armstrong, his wife and baby daughter, brother Harry, manager Eddie Mead and his wife, Eddie Walker, another manager and friend of Mead's and Chalky Wright, one of Walker's fighters.

Armstrong, who injured the knuckle on his left forearm when he defended the welter-title for the sixth time with a 12-round technical knockout victory over Davey Day, wasn't worried. He was too excited over the prospect of his first ocean trip.

HUGE GUARANTEE

He was guaranteed £9,400 for the Roderick fight and, if by chance he should lose the welterweight title he still would have the lightweight crown left. And he will pick up a neat pocketful of change defending that one in August against the man he won it from, Lou Ambers.

"They tell me Roderick is a stand-up fighter and a hard puncher,"

Henry said. "That suits me fine, because I like to work against that kind of an opponent."

How about the English officials—was Henry worried over the fact that the referee renders decisions and that there are no judges?

"No. Other Americans have gone over there and got a square deal. I know my style is a little different from what they are used to in that I like to fight in close and keep crowding. But I think perhaps it might make a hit with the English crowds because they've never seen that style of fighting before."

Armstrong, whose left hand was put in splints to-day, hopes to pick up some spare change appearing in exhibitions if his hand gets in shape soon enough.

NOT WORRIED

"I'm going to take electric treatments on the boat," he said, "and I don't figure on going into training until about two weeks before the fight. If the mitt is O.K. I might accept an offer to appear in a week in a London music hall and fight some exhibitions in Scotland and Italy."

"Supposing you lose to Roderick?" Armstrong was asked.

"I'd just lose the title," he responded. "And you can't laugh off the kind of dough I'll get, win or lose. I won't stay around and try to regain it either."

"I'm not worrying. I've got an annuity paid off. I own some property in Los Angeles. And I'll pick up more cash in London and against Ambers this summer."—United Press.

SPORT ADVTS

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Baseball

YANKEES FORGING AHEAD

New York, Apr. 24. The following are the results of matches played in Major League Baseball to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	6	9	1
New York	5	9	1
(Arnovich homered for the Phillies.)			
Boston	4	7	0
Brooklyn	1	6	3
(Cuccinello homered for the Braves.)			
Pittsburgh	2	7	4
Chicago	6	12	0
(Tobin homered for the Pirates.)			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	1	4	1
New York	2	3	0
(Rolle homered for the Yankees.)			
Washington	10	10	3
Boston	9	17	3
(Ten innings were played. Fox homered for the Red Sox.)			
St. Louis	2	0	0
Detroit	4	0	1
Chicago	9	10	1
Cleveland	3	8	3

Kowloon Golf Club Scores

The following was the result of the Kowloon Golf Club Summer Cup, qualifying round, held on April 23:

A. J. Dennis 73, F. C. Barry 73, R. K. Collins 74, A. A. Lopez 74, M. L. da Rosa 77, W. Kershaw 78, T. Lamb 79, E. D. da Rosa 79, W. Bastin 80, S. Jex 80, W. Ahern 81, F. A. Hill 81, G. Milne 82, J. Eastman 84, A. E. Davies 84, T. Henderson 85.

Open Foursome (Final)—E. D. da Rosa and M. L. da Rosa beat W. C. Simpson and E. O. Murphy 4 and 3.

The following is the draw for the Summer Cup—First round to be played on or before May 7—W. F. Lamb, S. Jex v. A. A. Lopez, W. Kershaw v. W. Bastin, E. D. da Rosa v. R. K. Collins, F. C. Barry v. M. L. da Rosa, A. E. Davies v. F. A. Hill, T. Henderson v. G. Milne.

FANLING BOGEY POOL

The bogey pool at Fanling over the week-end resulted in a tie between E. T. McMullen (B) and Wing-Comat, A. H. Steele-Perkins (18) who were all square. There were 25 entries.

Colony Badminton Players Checked In Shanghai

Shanghai, Apr. 21. Winning two matches, the men's and ladies' singles, out of a possible three yesterday evening on home courts, Clube Lusitano led Clube de Recreio of Hongkong by three matches to two upon completion of the second day's play in the Inter-Club Badminton Series. The local players need only to win one more out of the remaining two tussles which are to take place to-day in order to win the competition.

The Shanghai Portuguese started out with a loss when Mrs. H. C. Collico and Mrs. A. S. Costa, wives of two well known footballers, fell victims at the hands of Misses O. Rebelo and M. Silva in two straight sets by a score of 17-14 and 15-3.

But the superiority of B. V. de Senna, one of the city's foremost exponents, and Mrs. A. A. Remedios, ranking player among local Portuguese, immediately turned the tables on the visitors as they each disposed of M. Oliveira and Miss M. Xavier in easy style by the scores of 15-9 and 15-3 in the men's singles and 8-11, 11-1 and 11-3 in the ladies' singles.

Yesterday's programme was headed by an exhibition match in the mixed doubles. In the absence of Miss D. Eardley, who was not able to turn out, Mrs. B. V. de Senna played in her stead and paired up with J. J. Remedios of Hongkong. The pair, after winning the first set 15-10, dropped the next two by 15-11 and 15-7 to Miss M. Ribeiro of Hongkong and C. A. da Silva.

TIMELY RALLY

The local ladies played an erratic game, especially towards the closing stage when the opening set was practically in their hands. Twice they had a lead, once at 11-0 and then at 14-9. Miss Ribeiro started a timely rally with a fine placement. Miss Silva followed suit with a hard smash. These two points rattled the local team. Mrs. Collico lost her grip and made two mistakes on her returns. Mrs. Costa also blundered twice, to make first a deuce and then concede the advantage at 15-14.

With two more points to go, the visiting couple fought with great confidence. They sent back everything Shanghai could offer. Miss Silva smashed a good shot over the net to win the next point. Mrs. Collico became unsteady as she mistook Miss Ribeiro's serve and gave away the opening set.

In the second set the Hongkong team continued to shine, gaining two safe leads, 4-0 and 7-2. Then Shanghai fought back but lacked the points to keep on with the pace. After 8-5, the visitors reeled off, winning the set 15-10.

CLUBE STRIKES BACK

Clube Lusitano was bent on winning the men's singles in order to be hopeful of the final outcome which hinges on to-day's last two matches. Local supporters, however, were satisfied by B. V. de Senna's brilliance in completely outplaying his opponent, M. Oliveira. Senna played an all-attacking game from start to finish and it took him less than twenty minutes to polish off the Clube de Recreio representative, winning fairly easily by 15-9 and 15-3. At no time was the local performer on the defensive.

Mrs. A. A. Remedios, in trying to avenge her team from submerging, gave her supporters no small amount of anxiety at the end of the first set which she lost to Miss M. Xavier, an up-and-coming young visitor.

Both players made a slow start, losing and winning back the serve alternately until Mrs. Remedios struck an unreturnable cross-court drive to break the tie. Miss Xavier replied with a similar shot and the two began to please the crowd with a stream of scintillating plays. The local player had the up-and-down, leading at 5-3.

Miss Xavier staged an uphill battle, fighting determinedly. She won a hot shot and got into stride to wear down her opponent in quick time. Mrs. Remedios had her hands full and slipped off to hand the first set to the Hongkong girl at 11-8.

Mrs. Remedios' breath came back, evidently the brief respite between sets serving like a tonic. For upon the resumption she jumped off in invincible style and garnered eight points in succession. Miss Xavier took the next point but the local exponent gained the next three to finish the session at 11-1 and tie the standing at one game all.

The third and deciding session saw the ultimate winner snatch a lead of 10-11. She gave away the next three points before winning the concluding tally.—N. C. D. News.

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"BABY'S no trouble at all," boasted a young mother proudly to me the other day. "She takes her feeds without any fuss, loves her bath, and we don't hear a sound from her all night."

"It's all very well to talk now," I said. "She's only three months old, but you wait until she's three months older."

"There's no reason why all babies shouldn't be 'perfect angels' for the first five months if their day-by-day routine is carried out and they are normally healthy."

"It's when you come to wean them that you'll face your first big problem. If you don't start Baby off in the right way, all your good work of the past will be quickly undone, and she may have a bad setback."

"As I told my young friend, I believe in gradual weaning straight on to cup and spoon feeding, and mothers will have no fasting trouble with the process provided that they are patient."

She'll Disapprove

Baby is not likely to take to the change without a murmur. She will probably show definite disapproval at first, but after all you as mother are in charge, and perseverance on your part will win the day.

If Baby registers too much disapproval, wrap her firmly in a clean towel so that the small arms cannot be waved about nor the spoon knocked out of your hand, and go on patiently with the feeding, using a shallow-bowled spoon with rounded edges.

Pay no heed if she spits back food at first; that is bound to happen until Baby gets accustomed to new tastes and to the feel of the spoon, so carry on until she finally gives in gracefully. This should only take a few days.

You may be interested in these weaning problems from readers, together with my replies.

Refuses Milk

Now that Baby is being weaned, she refuses to drink milk. Any mother she takes disagrees with her.

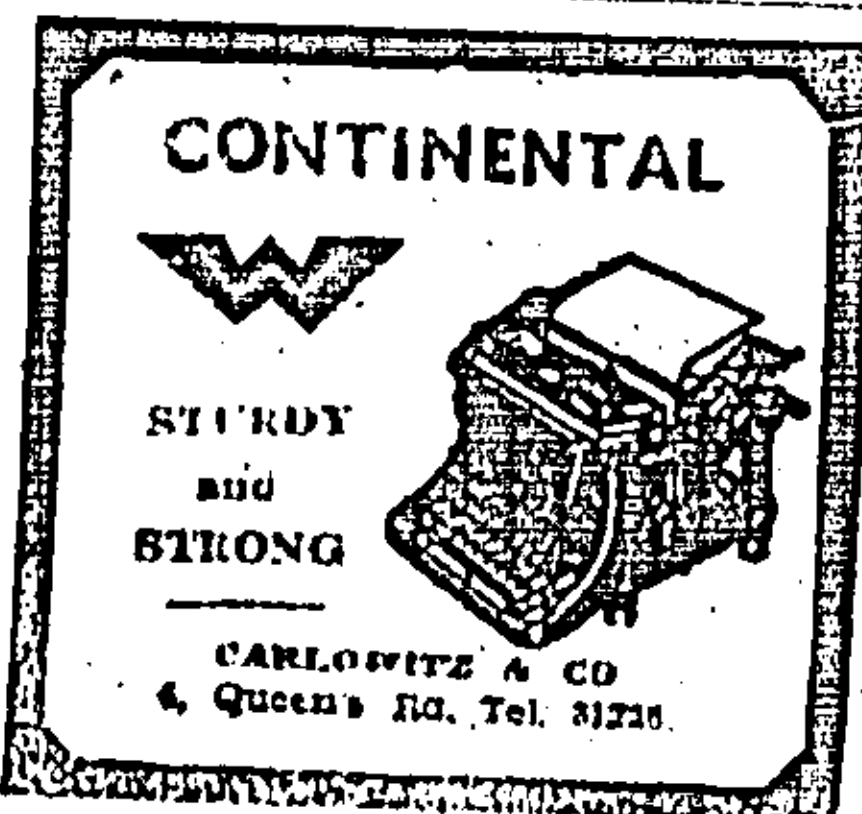
I GATHER that you have been trying to give Baby undiluted milk, and it is likely that her stomach cannot digest the large curd.

Some doctors say that no child under two years of age should be given undiluted milk, and I would advise you to use diluted milk for weaning purposes.

Help Kidneys

Don't Take Drastic Drugs

Your kidneys have nine million tiny tubes or filters which are endangered by neglect or drastic irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from Gritting, Lip Nits, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Dizziness, Stiffness, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Cramps Under Eyes, Swollen Ankles, Neuritis, Burning Itching, Smarting, Acidity or Loss of Vigor, don't delay. Try the Doctor's new discovery called Cystex (Siles-lex). Starts work in 12 minutes. Brings new health, youth and vitality in 48 hours. Cystex works gently and is guaranteed to end your troubles in 6 days or money back. At all chemists.



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There is no reason why she should dislike the taste once she gets used to a well-balanced mixture with a certain amount of sugar in it. Milk in some form is essential to her diet.

Introducing Extras

Baby is five months old now, and I should be glad if you would give me some information on weaning, so that I can go straight on with this when the time comes.

As Baby is making regular progress and is thriving generally, you can start to introduce certain extras in preparation for gradual weaning at seven months.

(1) Before the 10 a.m. feed give one dessertspoonful of good bone and vegetable broth, for which I shall be very pleased to let you have a recipe. Give patiently in a spoon, not a bottle. Follow this with the normal feed.

(2) Before the 2 p.m. feed give two tablespoonfuls of boiled milk with two of water and a level teaspoonful of sugar; curtail the breast-feed which follows by five minutes.

(3) Before the 6 p.m. feed give half a teaspoonful of fresh raw egg-yolk, increasing the amount gradually to

two teaspoonfuls if the child tolerates egg well.

(4) At 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily give two teaspoonfuls of strained fruit juice in two of water, slightly sweetened if necessary, and precede this with half a teaspoonful of some good cod-liver oil emulsion or two drops of halibut liver oil.

Poor Start

Mine was a premature baby, weighing 6lb. at birth. Now, at seven months, she weighs 16lb. Should I delay weaning as she had such a poor start in life?

I DO not advise this, especially as she is getting restless long before her next feed is due. This is probably a sign that she needs more food now, and that she is quite ready for gradual weaning.

Make the change-over gradually thus avoiding upsets for both yourself and Baby.

It should take about five weeks to make this first change on to artificial feeds entirely, then she will be ready for the second weaning which takes her on to semi-solids.

Odourless Cooking

THERE are two simple devices for place the peel on the stove. The skin from permeating through the house, the kitchen is odourless.

If the anticipated cooking smell is not very strong, take a potato, cut in half, and place one half, skin downward, on the stove or grate. It becomes warm without getting overcooked. The potato absorbs the smell of whatever happens to be cooking, provided the odour is not too intense.

Should the odour happen to be very strong, take some orange peel, gowns entirely trimmed in white put a few drops of vinegar on it, and shells are novel for evening wear.

"SHOOT" WORKER

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. Robert Bishop, 23, a WPA worker, was warning himself beside a bonfire after cleaning up debris on a project when he yelled in pain. He had been shot in the right leg by a bullet swept into the debris pile. Several

TO DRY LETTUCE

To dry lettuce thoroughly for salads, place in a clean towel and twist lower around several times at arms' length, like a bag.

other bullets also exploded. How they got there was a mystery.

Rhubarb Recipes

RHUBARB is, perhaps, the best of all specialties for clearing the skin, and purifying the blood.

You may like to try one or two of these recipes to vary the ordinary stewed rhubarb:

As a spring tonic there is nothing to equal a rhubarb juice drink. Squeeze the fruit slowly with a good deal of sugar to make a syrup, until the flavour has all been extracted. When cold, put a tablespoonful in a glass, and fill up with soda water and a little plain water. If you stew a small piece of thin-leaved peel with the fruit, the flavour will be improved.

Rhubarb sweet is delicious. Cut about three-quarters of a pound of rhubarb into small pieces, and stew them in half a pint of water, and a quarter of a pound of sugar, and the grated rind of a lemon.

Whisk the whites of two eggs until they are stiff, dissolve one and a half ounce of gelatin in half a pint of water, and add these to the rhubarb when it is quite soft. Line a mould with sponge fingers and pour in the mixture. Serve with custard when set.

A Tasty Pudding

Rhubarb pudding is another favourite. Take a pound of rhubarb, wiped and chopped up small, and place this in a greased pie-dish. Sprinkle with a cup of sugar.

Beat an egg and a large cup of milk together, and stir in four tablespoonfuls of flour, a little salt, and a dessertspoonful of sugar. Beat the batter well until it is fairly stiff, and bake in a hot oven for about 35 minutes.

Rhubarb jelly is nourishing for invalids. Wipe and cut about a pound of rhubarb, add half a cupful of water and a cupful of sugar; cook until soft, and strain through a colander. Dissolve a red currant jelly square in a cup of hot water, and mix with the rhubarb while it is still hot. Pour the mixture into a wet mould, and allow to set.

Rhubarb and dates make a delightful combination. Well grease a basin, and line it with pastry about quarter of an inch in thickness.

Wipe a pound of rhubarb, and cut it into small pieces. Wash, stone, and chop up coarsely, a pound of dates. Mix together with sugar to taste, and fill the basin.

Pour the juice of two oranges and enough water to make half a gill over the fruit, and cover with pastry. Seal the edges, put on some greased paper, and steam for about an hour and a half. Serve with sweet custard.

Ann Rutledge

REVIVED

Paris—Criminologists, stiff skulls, bare shoulders, flowers, and jewels, led this season to make Paris evening fashions as alluring as those of the long-ago Second Empire when Eugenie enchanted the world with her beauty. Naturally the criminologists and the more sumptuous of the gowns are reserved for the grandest parties, usually in private homes, but even at night clubs and theatre premieres, wide hems and romantic décolletés give the same feelings, aided by trimming in the hair and conspicuous jewelry.



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Following ceremonies commemorating the inauguration of the American Legion, American Ambassador William C. Bullitt chatted in Paris with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Many prominent French, English and Americans were present at the exercises.



Clad in sombre garb and flanked by Swiss guards, here are Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy and eight of their nine children, as they left the Vatican after an audience with Pope Pius.



From a field of 200 beauties, blonde Irmgard Dietl, 18-year-old University of Miami co-ed, emerged victor of the title "Miss America." She will seek "Miss America" laurels next autumn.



Soviet Russia's 170-foot pylon at the New York World's Fair is surmounted by this huge 79-foot statue, symbolic of the young working class. It is of stainless steel and weighs 30 tons. Here the 10 foot head is travelling upward for a rendezvous with the neck.

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ACROSS
1—Peas on surface of with friction
5—Hollowed out
10—Compens mental service from
14—Curved molding
15—Lender divine honor to
16—Two-toed sloth of Brazil
17—Of amplit
18—Approaches
19—Tender sunder by force
20—Festive adherent
21—Provided with small cavities
24—Ancient Scandinavia rod of war
25—Source of wood
26—Field of opinion
29—Immature human brings
31—End
34—Crustaceans dried
35—Custom
36—Bosporus
37—Girl's name
38—Semiregular recess to church
39—Point of compass
40—Omni inlet
41—To drink archaic
42—Pertaining to officer who administers oaths
44—Antennae
45—Wooden vessel
46—Short for Cleopatra
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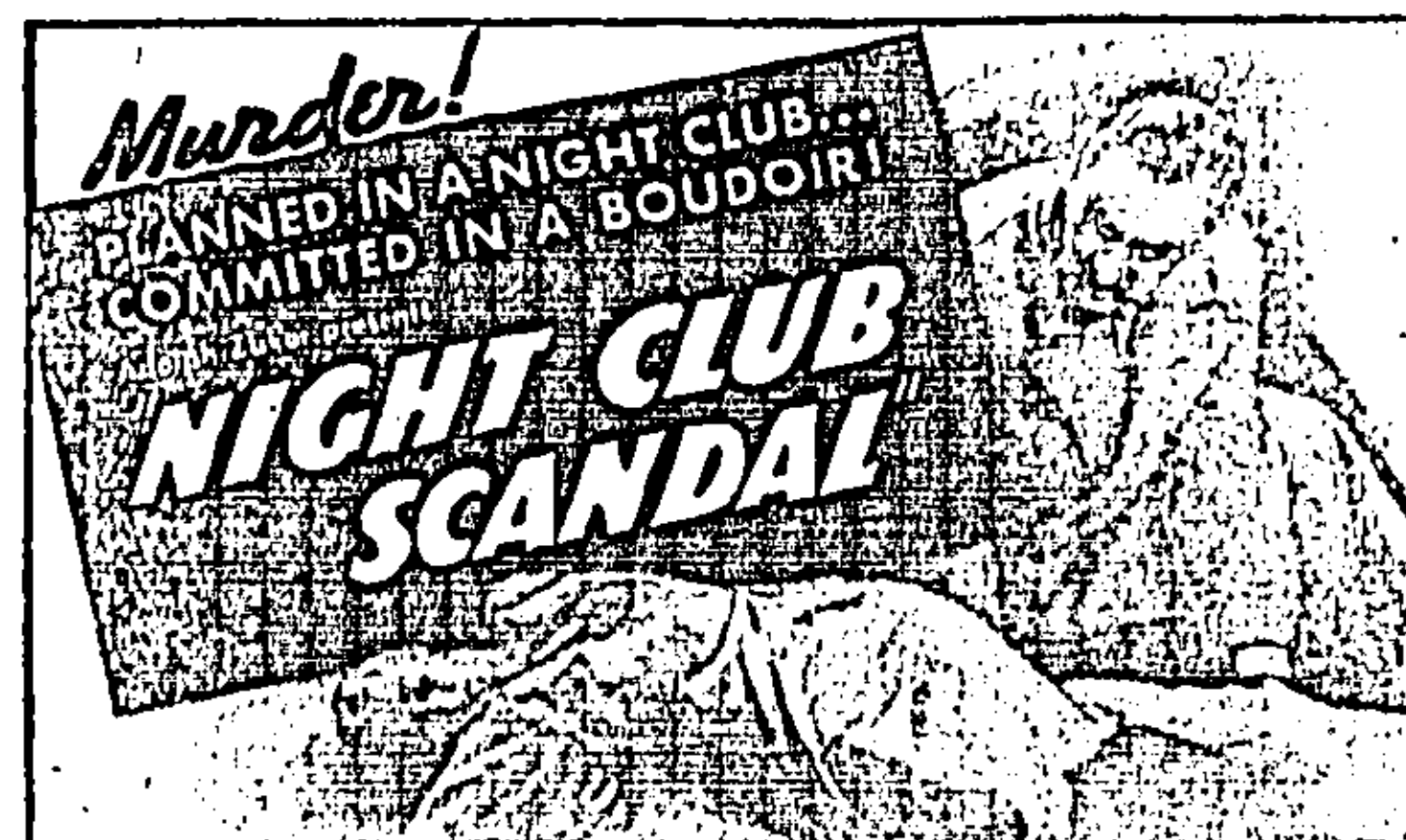
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The Chairman, in referring to the Far East, said: A feature of the import trade was the great decrease in imports from Japan, due in part to a boycott of Japanese goods by Chinese merchants. The same phenomenon is also apparent in Hongkong and Malaya. Mauritius had another excellent sugar crop.

As you can imagine, our Shanghai Branch operated in confused and difficult circumstances. The Japanese extended further their military occupation of China, and the control of the central Government is now confined to Western China and parts of Southern China. The same is true of the communications by sea has naturally affected China's foreign trade. Owing to changes in the external value of the Chinese dollar and for other reasons, it is useless to give the dollar figures, but an approximate conversion of them into sterling shows that imports were approximately £31 million and exports £31 million against a total of £81 million against £100 million last year. The adverse balance of trade was nearly £10 million compared with £7 million in 1937. It is not surprising, therefore, that the exchange value of the Chinese dollar has depreciated during the year. The Central Bank succeeded in maintaining it at 1s. 2½d. for the first three months, but the strain on its resources was too severe, and by the beginning of June the had fallen to 1s. 1½d. It is hoped that the Central Bank, with the help of the new loan which has just been announced, will be able to prevent any further depreciation. The foreign trade of China has been injured much more severely than that of the rest of China. On the other hand, in the latter part of the year it enjoyed a measure of internal prosperity. Many industries formerly established outside in Chinese territory have migrated into the International Settlement, and local cotton and woolen industries did well. In the meantime, the war still goes on, and no one can say when it will end nor what the outcome will be. I cannot close this part of my speech without paying a tribute to our Manager and Staff in Shanghai for their coolness and self possession all through these trying months. Fortunately they are no longer in immediate danger, but they still on their work in an atmosphere of strain and tension.

For eleven months of the year, Hongkong enjoyed something in the nature of a trade boom, and the total trade of the Colony was valued at 1,130 million dollars, 46 million dollars in excess of the figures of 1937, and a record for the Colony. But the position changed dramatically in the last month of the year. Canton fell, trade with that port is now at a standstill, and since the beginning of the current year business has been extremely dull. The war has had other effects on Hongkong. The population of the Colony has increased so much that housing has become an acute problem, while the influx of refugees from China constitutes another problem for the Hongkong Government. As I noted last year, however, increase of the population has made for internal prosperity, and retail shops, public utility companies, and local shipping companies have had another good year.

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GERMANY BACKS OUT OF BOXING TOURNAMENT

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Germany's decision to withdraw from the forthcoming amateur boxing tournament between Europe and America, Berlin, sporting newspapers this morning. It is pointed out, however, that the decision was taken prior to Saturday's meeting in Dublin of the International Amateur Boxing Federation.

The fact that Poland will also not take part in the Chicago tourney was a serious blow to the Polish boxers. It is pointed out, however, that the decision was taken prior to Saturday's meeting in Dublin of the International Amateur Boxing Federation.

The team selected by the Federation is as follows: Lehtinen (Finland), Nordström (Sweden), Sergio (Italy), Dowdall (Ireland), Agren (Sweden), Randell (Estonia), Musina (Italy), Lazzari (Italy), Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL BOXING

Hongkong Area Championships at Nanking Barracks

The open individual and boys boxing championships of the Hongkong Area commenced at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui, last night and will be continued this evening at 8.30.

Good and keen boxing was seen in some of the bouts, the results of which were:

Middleweight (1st. round) - Gnr. Franklyn (R.A.) beat Bds. McDonald (1st. Mid.).
Featherweight (1st. round) boys - Boy Martin (2nd. I.R.S.) beat Boy Smith (1st. Mid.).
Bantamweight (semi-final) - Pte. Williams (1st. Mid.) secured a walk-over from Boy Murphy (R.E.).
Lightweight (1st. round) boys - Boy Ward (1st. Mid.) beat Tpr. Etemble (2nd. I.R.).
Welterweight (1st. round) boys - Tpr. Brennan (2nd. I.R.) beat Tpr. Maxwell (2nd. R.S.).
Featherweight (semi-final) - Pte. Williams (1st. Mid.) beat Pte. Childress (R.A.).
Bantamweight (semi-final) boys - Boy McDonald (2nd. I.R.S.) secured a walk-over from Boy Winchester (1st. Mid.) who was medically unfit.
Middleweight (semi-final) - Bds. Emerson (2nd. R.S.) beat Pte. Hugginson (1st. Mid.).
Welterweight (semi-final) boys - Boy Alexander (2nd. I.R.) beat Tpr. Richardson (2nd. I.R.).

Indoor Bowling Contest

Teams representing H.M.S. Birmingham and U.S.S. Augusta took part in an interesting friendly match at Ten Pins at the Hongkong Bowling Alloys yesterday. The American team won by 322 points. Scores:

Augusta				
T. L. Cleaver	138	174	312	
M. S. Johnson	140	108	248	
J. M. Flaherty	93	103	196	
P. L. Eaton	94	98	192	
Total			948	
Birmingham				
W. J. Bevan	96	85	181	
L. S. Garner	19	97	116	
R. P. Welch	81	84	165	
R. W. May	40	68	114	
Total			626	

LOCAL YACHTING

Ladies' Corinthian Race Won By True Blue

The following were the results of a Ladies' Corinthian race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 6.5 miles.

Finished		
True Blue	10.18.25	1
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)		
Kittiwake	10.18.26	2
(Miss P. M. King)		
Artemis	10.18.48	3
(Miss H. Whitlam)		
La Linda	10.18.55	4
(Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)		
Redshank	10.30.01	5
(Mrs. M. N. Luce)		
Koala	D.N.F.	
Guri	D.N.F.	

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FRACAS IN DOCKYARD

Further Evidence Given In Assault Case

Further evidence was heard before Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy yesterday in the assault summons brought against Zaffer Khan, 25, former Indian constable attached to the naval dockyard police, by Abdul Gaffoor, dockyard constable, who alleged he had been struck with a curry pole in the dockyard on March 10.

A counter-summons was brought by Khan against Abdul Rahim, Karim Bulakh, Abdul Rahman, Mohammed Din and Gaffoor, all connected with the dockyard police, for assaulting him.

Gaffoor was represented by Mr. D. McCallum, and Khan by Mr. M. A. da Silva. The rest of the Indians counter-summoned were represented by Mr. W. M. Brown.

Karim Bulakh, dockyard constable, said he saw Khan hit Gaffoor with the pole. Gaffoor ran away but was chased by Khan and struck again.

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, Bulakh denied that the assault took place inside the new quarters and did not know that was Khan's allegation.

Mr. Silva: You know of no particular reason for enmity between Khan and Gaffoor?—No.

So from the time of the assault until to-day, you have found no good reason why Khan should attack Gaffoor?—No.

Questioned regarding evidence by Abdul Rahman that he had been held by two other Indian constables as he attempted to blow his police whistle after seeing Khan strike Gaffoor, Bulakh said he did not know why the two Indians had held Rahman.

Mr. Silva: It is not true then to suggest that they held Rahman to prevent him from attacking Zaffer Khan?—I don't know.

Abdullah Khan, another constable, said he was in the quarters when he heard a shout and saw Gaffoor being chased by Khan, who had a curry pole in his hand. Khan caught hold of Gaffoor and raised the pole to strike him, but witness caught hold of his wrist and told him not to strike. Gaffoor, he said, was bleeding.

Cross-examined, he said he did not see Khan actually strike Gaffoor. No fight had occurred inside the quarters.

The hearing was adjourned to May 9.

U. S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 24.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	8 1/8/24	8.29/20
July	7.98/24	8.09/19
Oct.	7.73/20	7.74/24
Dec.	7.70/22	7.62/22
Jan.	7.74/25	7.62/22
Mar.	7.82/22	7.69/29
Spot		8.90 N

The First Notice Day for May cotton is April 25th, and the last day is May 10th.

New York Rubber

	May	Sept.	Dec.	Mar.
May	15.70/68	15.60/60		
Sept.	15.75/76	15.74/74		
Dec.	15.84/84	15.77 N		
Mar.		15.85/85		

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 27th, and the last day is May 1st.

To-day's Sales: 1,580 tons.

Chicago Wheat

	May	July	Sept.	Saturday's Sales
May	69 1/2/69 1/2	69 1/2/69 1/2	69 1/2/69 1/2	4,060,000 bushels.
July	69 1/2/69 1/2	69 1/2/69 1/2	69 1/2/69 1/2	
Sept.	69 1/2/69 1/2	69 1/2/69 1/2	69 1/2/69 1/2	

Chicago Corn

	May	July	Sept.
May	48 1/4/48 1/4	48 1/4/48 1/4	48 1/4/48 1/4
July	50 1/4/50 1/4	49 1/4/49 1/4	49 1/4/49 1/4
Sept.	50 1/4/50 1/4	50 1/4/50 1/4	50 1/4/50 1/4

Winnipeg Wheat

	May	July	Oct.
May	61 1/2/61 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2
Oct.	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2

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WHITEAWAY'S

Japanese Build Aerodrome Ten Minutes from Hongkong

FROM trustworthy sources, the "Telegraph" learns this morning that the Japanese are constructing a large aerodrome less than fifty miles from Hongkong.

First reports of Japanese activity in this direction was brought to Hongkong by refugees from the Tungkun district.

These reports have since been confirmed from other sources.

The aerodrome is being constructed at Taping.

At normal air speed, Taping is only ten

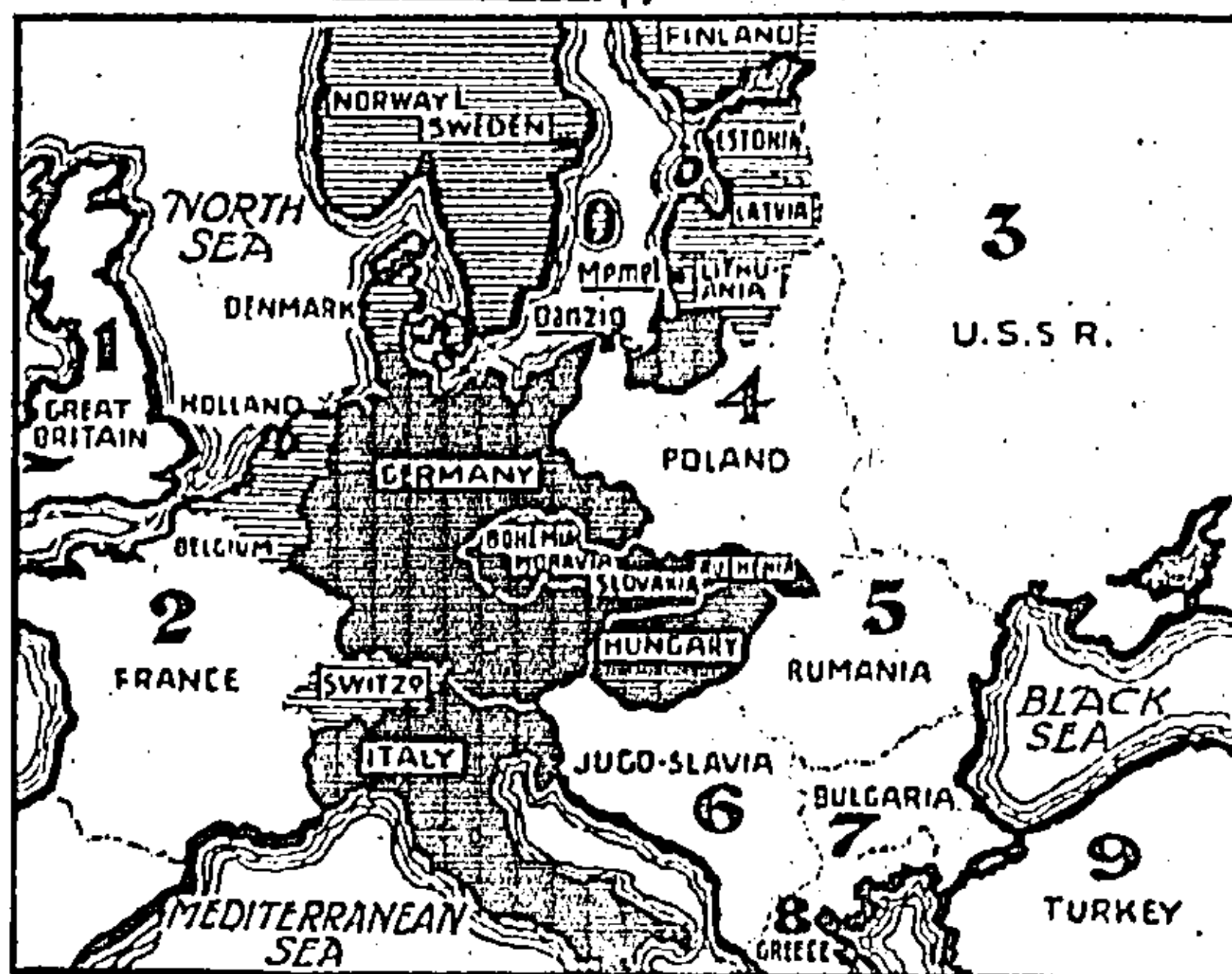
minutes flying time from Hongkong. It is about five or six miles from Bocca Tigris forts.

According to reports reaching the "Telegraph", villagers in the district have been conscripted by the Japanese to do the work. The workers are well treated and well fed, but are not paid for their labours.

Work on the new 'drome commenced last week and is reported to have already reached a stage where it is being used for Japanese aerial operations against the Chinese operating in the East River areas.

RETURN OF ENVOY NOT "CLIMB DOWN"

LINE UP OF NINE POWERS



THE NINE POWERS with which Britain is reported to have sought co-operation against aggression are numbered on this map. They are France, Russia, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Jugo-Slavia, Turkey and Greece. These Powers form a close ring round the Rome-Berlin axis front, but not all are willing to risk British assurances. Jugo-Slavia is reported to have already gone into the totalitarian camp. Bulgaria has expressed her decision to remain neutral. Rumania is wavering.

DEATHBLOW TO REICH TRADE

NEW YORK, Apr. 24. THE Government's imposition of 25 per cent. countervailing duties on imports from Germany, which came into force at 6 p.m. yesterday, is regarded in New York as the deathblow to trade between the United States and the Reich.

Dr. Albert Degener, an official of the Board of Trade for German-American commerce, said the order constituted "a complete embargo" on German goods, and was "a distinct violation of the gentlemen's agreement."

Imports from Germany totalled approximately \$13,000,000 last year. Germany will now have to find other sources of supply of the cotton and other raw materials she has been getting from the United States.

KWEIYANG RUMOUR

Reports Of Missing Ship Denied

CHINESE NEWSPAPERS in Hongkong this afternoon reported that the China Navigation Company's steamer Kweiyang was reported to be missing en route from Swatow to French Indo-China.

The Marine Superintendent of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire told the "Telegraph": "We have no information that the Kweiyang is in any trouble."

The "Ta Kung Pao" reported that British naval authorities in Hongkong had ordered a warship to search for the Kweiyang.

This report was flatly denied by the naval spokesman when interviewed by the "Telegraph."

U.S.S. Astoria Due Soon

THE U.S.S. Astoria, which recently carried the ashes of the late Japanese ambassador to Washington, Mr. H. Seito from San Francisco to Yokohama, will reach Hongkong from Shanghai on May 7.

The American cruiser, under Captain Richmond K. Turner, will leave here for Manila on May 11.

MAN WHO WROTE THE TREATY

Becomes British Envoy To Washington

LONDON, Apr. 25. THE MAN who is reputed to have written more clauses of the Versailles Peace Treaty than any other man has been appointed British Ambassador to the United States.

He is the Marquis of Lothian, England's "Colonel House."

During the latter stages of the Great War and at the Versailles Peace Conference, he stood in much the same relation to Lloyd George, then Premier, as Colonel House stood to President Wilson, an attendant philosopher and friend.

Wants Anglo-German Understanding

The Marquis of Lothian will relieve Sir Robert Lindsay as Ambassador at Washington. Sir Robert will remain until after the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen.

According to the I.D.B. Service, Lord Lothian has often sought understanding in Britain of Hitler's policy.

He is said to have exercised a strong influence over Sir John Simon and on Geoffrey Dawson, Editor of the "Times", and a letter once appeared in that newspaper over his signature, appealing for co-operation with the Fuehrer.—United Press.

PITCHERS PLUS BUTTONS

Sebastopol, Cal. Mrs. J. F. Triggs has two hobbies—one of collecting pitchers and the other of collecting interesting buttons. Her collection of 900 pitchers is carefully arranged in cabinets for inspection. Her button-collecting hobby of more recent date has enabled her to build up a collection of 7,000 buttons, each with a particular aspect of interest.

CHAMBERLAIN SUSPICIONS

LONDON, Apr. 24.

THE RETURN of the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, to Berlin, gave rise to conjecture in London and other capitals to-day.

This evening the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, set all doubts at rest.

He assured the House of Commons that there was no special significance in the decision to send the Ambassador back to his post.

"The return of the Ambassador does not indicate that His Majesty's Government have accepted the annexation of Czechoslovakia," the Premier declared.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the British Government has also decided not to recognise the change in the regime in Albania.

NORMAL COURSE

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that Sir Neville Henderson had been recalled to London simply to report, and that he was returning to Berlin "in the normal course of duty."

The Prime Minister dodged a barrage of questions regarding the security negotiations.

"The Government is maintaining close touch with other Governments, including Turkey and Soviet Russia," was all he would say.

One member urged the Premier to make a statement before Hitler's speech on Friday.

"I do not think it is desirable to make premature statements regarding negotiations which are still in progress," Mr. Chamberlain replied.

Tangier Status Quo

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour, that Britain considers the maintenance of the present regime in Tangier a matter of great importance.

He said the recent movements of Spanish troops in the vicinity of Gibraltar were the result of demobilisation.—United Press.

French Ambassador Departs

Paris, Apr. 24. The Agence Radio reports that the French Ambassador is departing for Berlin to-night.—United Press.

No Berlin Comment

BERLIN, Apr. 24.—The return of Sir Neville Henderson is briefly announced without comment by the papers to-day.

Political circles believe that the German Ambassador to London, Herr von Dirksen, will also rejoin his post. The Rumanian trade delegation arrived here to-day to discuss the question of the inclusion of Bohemia and Moravia in the German-Rumanian trade agreement.

In this connection, certain quarters deny foreign press reports that Dr. Weizsacker, the German Minister for Economy, who negotiated the German-Rumanian trade pact, is at present in Bucharest. The presence there of Dr. Todt, German Inspector-General of Roads is also denied.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Won't Follow

Washington, Apr. 24. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, indicated to-day that Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin would not lead the United States to follow suit.

Officials reiterate the belief that President Roosevelt is not making a decision in this connection until Herr Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's message has been received.

The suggestion that Herr Hitler may attempt to reverse the order of President Roosevelt's proposals, by insisting upon satisfaction of German economic and colonial claims, before giving any guarantee regarding future intentions, has been received. PLEASE Turn To Page 12.

BRITAIN SENDS GRAVE WARNING

Conscription
Unless—

LONDON, Apr. 24.

GREAT BRITAIN has sent Hitler a "forthright message" which, a spokesman to-day indicated, is both a plea and a warning that the continuation of tension might force the adoption of national conscription in Britain.

The spokesman confirmed that the British Ambassador has returned to Berlin with a message from the British Government.

He indicated that the message included:

1.—British re-affirmation of the belief that European problems may be settled peacefully.

2.—The suggestion that President Roosevelt's appeal offers a dignified opportunity for negotiations with Britain.

3.—A warning that Britain will resist any attempt at European domination by force.—United Press.

Plain Warning

LONDON, Apr. 25. A plain warning to Herr Hitler is being conveyed by Sir Neville Henderson, according to the diplomatic correspondents of the morning papers. Sir Neville Henderson will state, says the "Daily Telegraph", that unless there is evidence of a change in policy on the part of Germany, the British Government will be forced. PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST JAPANESE SOLDIERS IN H.K.

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT Japanese soldiers arrived in Hongkong this afternoon. With the revelation that these soldiers are passing through the British Colonies, it has now been discovered that they are by no means the first to do so.

They arrived from Formosa shortly after two o'clock by the O.S.K. liner Canton Maru, which is en route to Canton. The soldiers are believed to have boarded the Canton Maru in Formosa.

Also aboard the Canton Maru are a number of Japanese gela girls. They, too, will land at Canton.

Danzig For Reich This Year?

DANZIG, Apr. 24.—It is revealed that Herr Feiler, leader of the local Nazi organisation, speaking at a meeting of workers declared that Danzig will return to the Reich this year.

It is widely believed here that Herr Hitler, in his speech before the Reichstag on April 28, will refer to Germany's claim to the Free City.—Dome.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

EGYPT LOOKS TO BRITAIN: "STATE OF DANGER"

CAIRO, Apr. 24.

A "STATE of immediate danger" mentioned in the Anglo-Egyptian treaty now prevails in Egypt, it is stated here, the British and Egyptian governments having agreed on this in an exchange of notes.

The significance of this lies in the fact that when both nations agree that this state prevails, England is automatically authorised to increase the strength of her garrisons in Egypt to a point far above the normal. Extensive reinforcements have already been sent to Egypt.

Referring to this provision in the treaty, the Egyptian Premier, Mohammed Mahmoud Pasha declared before the Chamber and the Senate this evening that Egypt "in collaboration with her great English ally" had undertaken the necessary steps to strengthen national defence.

England, he stated, had pledged herself to send adequate land, sea and air forces to defend Egypt against any aggressor.

Characterising these steps as a "contribution towards a relaxation in tension," the Premier concluded by stating that Egypt is now in a position to defend all of her frontiers, but that she is nevertheless grateful for every declaration guaranteeing her independence.—Trans-Ocean.

Consulting Britain

Cairo, Apr. 24. Referring to Britain's promise to support Egypt with military, naval, and air forces, Premier Mahmoud Pasha told the Chamber to-day that "her actions confirm her assurances."

The Premier added that Egypt was constantly consulting Britain. He stated that Egypt "will completely fulfil her treaty obligations," and is "taking all necessary measures to defend her independence and security." (Prolonged cheers).—Reuter Special.

Rumanian Slap For Hitler Apprehension At General Situation

LONDON, Apr. 24. RUMANIA has replied to Herr Hitler's query with a Note, "Reuter" learns.

The Note states that as Rumania has no common boundary with the Reich, it is difficult to say whether she feels threatened by Germany. It expresses the opinion that the question could best be answered by Germany herself. The Note adds that Rumania was not informed in advance of President Roosevelt's move, but that she does look with apprehension on the general situation in Europe.—Reuter.

Denmark's Reply

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 24.—It is learned officially that the Foreign Office has replied to Herr Hitler that Denmark does not feel menaced by Germany, and that she had no prior knowledge of President Roosevelt's message.—Reuter.

Norway Replies

OSLO, Apr. 24.—In his reply to Hitler's questionnaire, Norway's Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvdan Koht, states that he did not know in advance of President Roosevelt's message. Norway does not feel menaced but "in case of war we know Norway would be endangered and we are therefore restoring our defences."—United Press.

\$1,500,000 A Day For Armaments

LONDON, Apr. 25.

WHEN SIR John Simon introduces his Budget in the House of Commons this afternoon, he will probably disclose that all but approximately \$80,000,000 of the \$529,530,000 required for the three defences—Navy, land and air—will be raised by loan and not from taxation.

Nevertheless, substantial increases in taxation are expected. The estimates for the three Services means that for the next 12 months, nearly one-million-and-a-half pounds daily will be spent on arms.

Navy estimates . . . \$147,770,000
Army estimates . . . \$161,133,000
Air estimates . . . \$220,629,700
In four years, the Air Estimates have increased sevenfold. In 1935, first year of the expansion programme, the R.A.F. cost \$31,002,100. Last year they were \$134,403,000. Since 1934 the personnel of the R.A.F. has been more than trebled. Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Minister, announced that the strength in 1938 had increased to 90,000, compared with about 30,000 in 1934.

This year, it is expected, the strength of the R.A.F. will go up to at least 110,000.

Ten times more recruits are needed by the R.A.F. now than in pre-expansion times. Most of the money in the estimates is to go to provide "technical and warlike stores." This amounts to \$114,870,000 this year, against \$72,162,000 last.

Encouraging for civil aviation is the fact that the civil finances increase during the next 12 months by nearly \$2,000,000. The gross estimate is \$5,039,000.

Most misleading figure in the estimates is the "first-line" strength of the home Air Force. This is given as 1,150 aeroplanes—which means that each aeroplane would cost more than \$100,000 a year to keep. The actual strength, of course, is considerably greater.

Child Smoker Gives It Up

COLUMBIA, Mo. Dewey (Dude) Caruthers, who at 14 smoked 30 cigars a day, last smoking to-day, "quit for like I started—for no reason at all—and I'll probably go back to it some day," he said.

"BIG NAVY TOWN" IS LITTLE

Helena, Mont. The U.S. Navy recruiting office here officially conferred the title of "Biggest Little Navy Town in the United States" on Belfry, Mont. Seven from the Carbon county town are in the navy, and with a population of only 200.

IN THE COMMONS

MINISTERS
FACE
BARRAGE

LONDON, Apr. 24.
ACCORDING TO the Government's information, the recent movements of Spanish troops near Gibraltar was the natural consequence of measures of demobilisation taken by the Spanish Government, declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day.

Asked if it was necessary to despatch reinforcements to Gibraltar if there was no significance in sending them, Mr. Butler made no reply.

Asked about widening the No. 1 dock at Gibraltar, Colonel Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, stated that all possible steps had already been taken to secure the earliest completion of the work which was proceeding day and night.

Asked to what extent the Government was interested in the maintenance of the status quo of the international zone of Tangier, Mr. Butler said that the Government considered the maintenance of the present regime a matter of great importance.

Italian Troops

Asked whether any representations had been made to the Italian Government regarding the retention in Spain of large forces after the cessation of hostilities, Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied: "No. The Government trusts that no such representation is necessary."

Asked whether there was a possibility of their retention beyond May 15, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the situation was being watched with very close attention.

Trade Negotiations

Referring to his recent visits to European countries, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, stated that trade negotiations with Soviet Russia would be inaugurated in Britain fairly shortly. His negotiations in Poland were successful in clearing up difficulties, but no further negotiations were in contemplation.

Replying to Mr. Clement Attlee, the Premier declared that there was no special significance in Sir Neville Henderson's return to Berlin. The Ambassador was called back to report, and after he had made his report, he was given a short period of

Junkers Due
To-morrow
German Airmen's
Flight To Tokyo

KARACHI, Apr. 24.
The German Junkers plane of the Luftwaffe, on a flight from Berlin to Tokyo, left Karachi for Sohar at 3.20 p.m. Indian standard time (8.50 p.m. Hongkong time).
Stopping overnight at Basra, the plane left Basra at 3.00 a.m. on Monday (8.00 a.m. Hongkong time) on the sixth lap of its flight. The plane cancelled its originally scheduled stop at Jask and flew to Karachi directly.
It will arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday.—Domei.

U.S. Cabinet
Changes

Washington, Apr. 24.
It is reported that President Roosevelt is searching for a successor to Mr. Claude Swanson as Secretary of the Navy, due to Mr. Swanson's illness for the past month.

It is expected that Mr. Swanson will be appointed to a less strenuous post and that he will remain in the official family on account of his long experience as a political strategist. It is also rumoured that there is a possibility that Mr. Harry Woodring will be replaced as Secretary of War, but no immediate action is expected in this respect.—United Press.

New Archbishop

VATICAN CITY, Apr. 24.—Bishop Francis Spellman, of Boston, has been named Archbishop of New York. It is considered to be a foregone conclusion that he will be named Cardinal in an early Consistory.—United Press.

leave. After expiration of that leave, Sir Neville Henderson went back in the normal course of his duty.

Asked if Sir Neville Henderson's return meant that the Government accepted the annexation of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Chamberlain replied: "Certainly not."—Reuter.

UNIQUE GIFT TO INTRODUCE SCHEME
FREE CABLES FROM
COLONY RESIDENTS

A REMARKABLE offer of free transmission of cable messages to any part of the Empire except Canada, India, Burma, Trans-Jordan and the Sudan will be available to all members of the Hongkong public on Monday next week.

The scheme, which was announced by Mr. Edward Wilshaw, Chairman of Messrs. Cables and Wireless, is the original method chosen to inaugurate a new Inter-Empire "social message" service.

On May 1, the Hongkong office of Cables and Wireless will accept, for free transmission to any part of the Empire except the countries enumerated above, a social message of twelve words.

The privilege is extended to all members of the public. The scheme will be simultaneously inaugurated in all parts of the Empire.

No charge will be made for the service on May 1. After that date, however, a special cheap rate of four dollars will be charged for 12 words.

"Social messages" are defined as any messages of a social and non-commercial nature.

Amplifying the original announcements, of the new scheme, which was carried in a "Reuter" message from London, Mr. W. E. Rickwood, Manager of Messrs. Cables and Wireless Ltd. in Hongkong, has issued the following statement:

In April, 1938, Cables and Wireless Ltd. introduced a flat rate telegraph service, applicable to traffic between all parts of the Empire, and representing considerable economies for all those dispatching messages over the Company's system.

This innovation received a widespread welcome, and has done much to facilitate communications between the various countries of the Empire, and thus to promote trade and intercourse.

While, however, the introduction of the general Empire Rate has accomplished a good deal, particularly on behalf of the business community, it is felt that something more should be done to assist and encourage social traffic.

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Full particulars concerning this service will gladly be supplied on application to the above office.

I would add that the service is not yet available with India, Burma, Canada, Transjordan, and the Sudan.

In inaugurating the service on May 1, the Company invites each member of the public to send, on that day, one free message of maximum length (twelve words) to a relative or friend in another part of the Empire. Words in excess of twelve will be paid for at the reduced rate of 33½ cents, per word.

Such messages may be handed in at either of the Company's offices, Electric House, No. 3, Cornhill Road, Central, or No. 67, Jervois Street.

I hope that you will avail yourself of this offer, and that the introduction of the new Social Service will enable you to communicate more frequently by telegraph with friends and kinsmen overseas.

May I add that the Company is always ready to give you any advice or assistance in connexion with your overseas telegraphic correspondence, and that the officers of the Company at any of its branches are always at your service.

UNIVERSITY
OPPOSEDViews Of Hongkong
Professor In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 15.
STRESSING the importance of Hong-Kong University, where he has been a professor for 27 years, Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, speaking at the Rotary Club to-day declared it would be "little short of a tragedy" if a rival university were to be established in Malaya.

It would burden Malayan taxpayers with unnecessary expense and it would lessen the value of Hong-kong University to China.

Professor Middleton-Smith is visiting his son, Mr. E. Middleton-Smith, of the Labour Department.

The speaker remarked that Hong-kong University was a costly experiment for the Colony and a cause of considerable anxiety for every Governor.

"During my 27 years, we have had perpetual anxiety, concerning our finances," he said.

"That difficulty still worries the local authorities." The speaker stressed, however, the value of the University to China, saying it was also an Imperial asset.

French Precautions

PARIS, Apr. 24.—The Ministry of the Interior announces that the Council of Ministers has decided to suppress all anti-Nationalist propaganda throughout France. Such fines will be established for provocation of racial and religious hatreds.—United Press.

BERLIN, Apr. 24.—It has been officially announced that all trades and handicrafts have been "completely Aryanised."—United Press.



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F1354. Tears of My Pillow. HARRY ROY & HIS ORCHESTRA.
F1355. Did You Go Down Lambeth Way. Q.S.
F1356. I Shall Always Remember You Smiling. Waltz.
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F1359. Grandma Said. S.F.T. VICTOR-SILVESTER & HIS ORCH.
F1360. Tin Pan Alley Medley. No. 13. (2 Planos with Sling Bass & Drums).
F1361. Love Is Where You Find It. ("Garden of the Moon") F.T.
F1362. Deep In A Dream. F.T. KAY KYSER & HIS ORCHESTRA.
F2620. By The Black Sea. Tango.
F1361. My Dream Tango. Tango. GEORGE BOULANGER & HIS ORCH.
F1361. I Have Eyes. ("Paris Honey-moon")
F1362. Grandma Said.
F1362. You Go To My Head.
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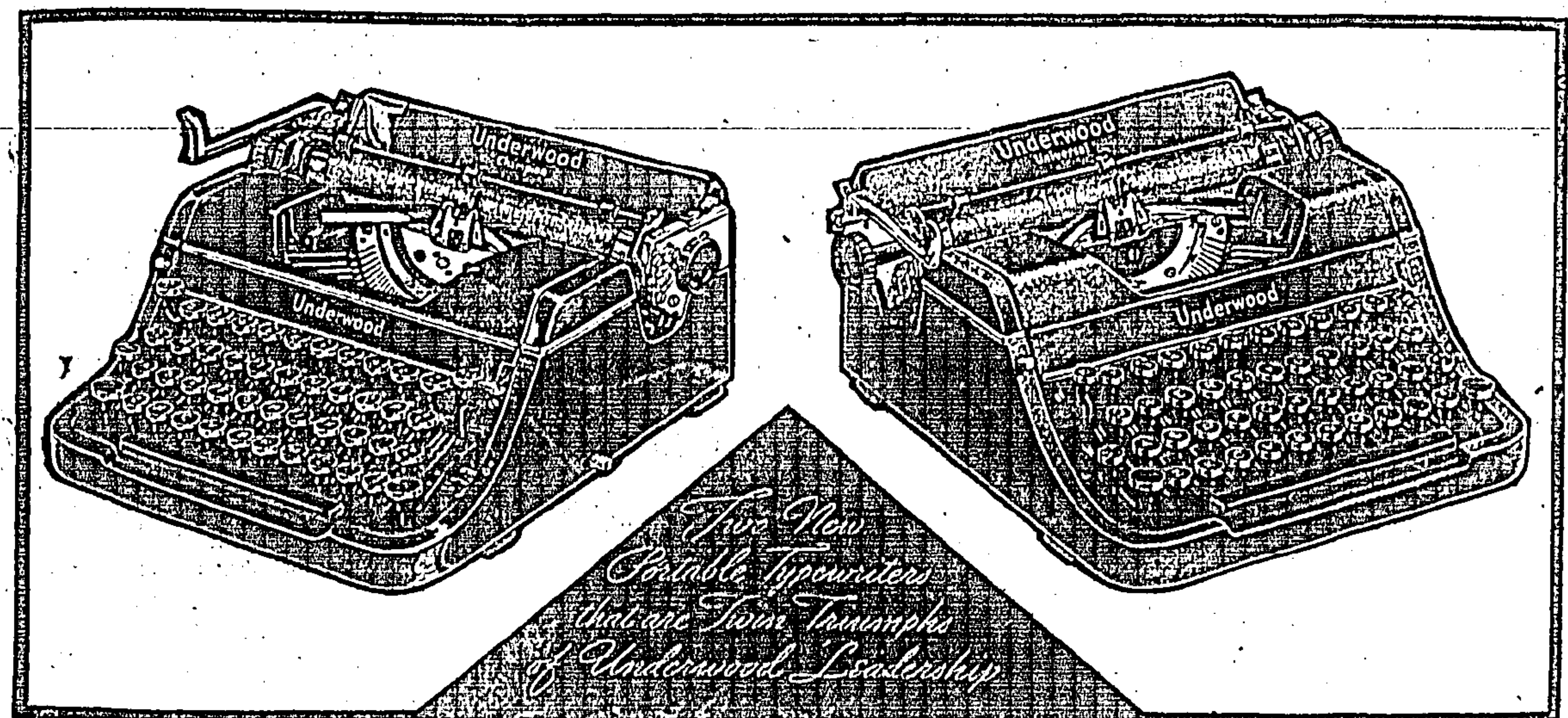
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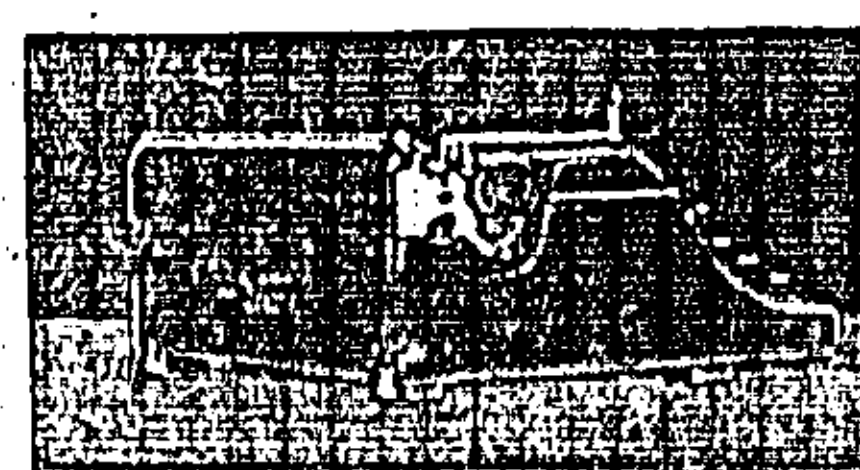


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FRANCE WARNS JAPAN AGAINST VIOLATIONS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 25.—It is learned that the French authorities have warned the Japanese government against further flights by Japanese warplanes over French Indo-China. The warning was given after the Chinese notification that the Japanese planes which raided Mongtze in Yunnan and attacked the Eurasia plane on April 13 took off from their base on Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi, and after passing over Cheungnankwan on the Kwangsi border, cut across French territory to penetrate into Yunnan.—Central News.

Ex-King Alfonso & Ena Expect Recall to Spain

ROME, Apr. 24. SITTING in the royal suite of Rome's Grand Hotel to-day ex-King Alfonso awaits a recall to the country from which he fled eight years ago. Restoration of the Spanish monarchy is expected to follow the triumphal march into Madrid.

At the same time a complete reconciliation between King Alfonso and Queen Ena, who have been estranged in exile, may be announced.

"Nothing can be said yet. King Alfonso is awaiting developments in Spain," his secretary said, but it is significant that the ex-King, on hearing that Madrid had fallen, sent a congratulatory telegram to General Franco.

Franco's Greetings
In reply General Franco sent his "sincere and affectionate greetings." The belief that the monarchy will be re-established is strengthened by a decree recently passed by the Nationalist Government.

This restores the property confiscated from Alfonso and his family on the proclamation of the Republic in 1931.
[Ex-Queen Ena, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, is now in Rome. Friends of the Royal pair are convinced that they are already reconciled.]

The Correct Answer?

LONDON.
In the Southwark Diocesan Gazette, which he edits, the Rev. T. P. Stevens, vicar of St. Paul's, Wimbledon Park, quotes the following answer given by a boy in a Scripture exam he set: Q: Who was sorry when the Prodigal Son returned home? A: The father.

FLEETS IN MEDITERRANEAN Anglo-German Naval Movements

PARIS, Apr. 25. A GERMAN naval squadron consisting of nearly 40 vessels and attendant auxiliaries have arrived off Gijon.

The fleet is reported to be en route to the Straits of Gibraltar for a week's manoeuvres. They will visit Malaga, Ceuta, Tangier and Almeria after which they will return to Germany on May 10 via Lisbon and Vigo.—United Press.

Cruiser At Bilbao

London, Apr. 24. The Exchange Telegraph Correspondent at Barcelona reports that the German cruiser Admiral Scheer has arrived at Bilbao for a three day visit.—United Press.

British Movements

London, Apr. 24. The British Mediterranean fleet, which departed from Malta on Sunday, will visit harbours in Greece, Cyprus, Palestine, and Egypt before beginning manoeuvres in the eastern Mediterranean. It was officially declared here this evening.
The British home fleet will assemble in Portland harbour on April 28 and 29, and except for those ships which escort the Republic, bearing the King and Queen to America, the fleet will engage in the usual target practice near Portland.—Trans-Ocean.

SPIRITED FIGHTING IN INTERIOR

LATEST PHASES IN CHINA OFFENSIVE

SIAN, Apr. 25. SPIRITED fighting has been going on in areas around Linfen, on the Tatung-Puchow Railway in south Shansi.

Last Friday, a Japanese force of more than 800 men thrust westward from the south of Hwoshien, encountering Chinese resistance at a hilly region nearby. As a result of numerical inferiority, the Chinese withdrew following a battle lasting several hours.

On the following day, after having been heavily reinforced, the Chinese staged a counter-attack and succeeded in repelling the enemy. The Japanese left more than 200 dead bodies and a large quantity of ammunition on the field.

Another Japanese unit of 200 men between Hungtung and Chaocheng on the Tatung-Puchow Railway struck westward on Sunday, but was beaten back.

Kiangsu "Guerrilla Front"
A Chinese raiding party launched a lightning attack on a village west of Linfen on Friday night. Hand-grenades were showered on the Japanese garrison, inflicting heavy casualties.

The Japanese have rushed a total of more than 3,000 reinforcements to the Yicheng sector, east of Kuwo. Under the cover of a fierce artillery barrage, they have launched a counter-attack on the Chinese but were repulsed.

Fighting of great severity continues unabated on both sides of the Chungyang-Lishih highway in west Shansi. The Japanese at Chungyang are calling for reinforcements from Fenyang, in the east.

During the recent Chinese attack on Kungloeh, near Chungyang, the Japanese commander and two other officers were killed. It is now confirmed.—Central News.

Intense Kwangtung Fighting
Shanghai, Apr. 24. Fighting for the possession of Sunwei is raging with great violence. The city has changed hands several times.
The Japanese launched a land, naval and air attack on the Chinese positions outside the north city gate at noon yesterday.
Preceded by four tanks, and escorted by a number of bombing planes, several hundred Japanese in-



fantry-men rushed the Chinese lines. Close-quarter fighting raged until evening. Neither side gave any quarter.

While fighting was in progress Japanese troops were sent out in several steamboats in the river flowing outside Sunwei to attack the Chinese rear. Chinese troops guarding the banks prevented them from landing.

After the arrival of 1,000 reinforcements, Japanese assaults around Kungmoon have been intensified. The Chinese are stubbornly resisting.



50 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1890.
About once a month we register a blood-curdling oath on the accumulated files of the Telegraph to the effect that the very next time our compositional staff exasperate us by their inconceivably idiotic style of spelling we will appeal to our readers, by publishing the paper with all its errors on its head. We don't know that we shan't do it, some day, but in the meantime we will get even to some extent by reproducing, *literatim*, a portion of a familiar recitation, as "set up" the other day by a compositor:

BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOON
Not a drum was heard nor a funeral note as his corse to the ramparts. We hurried not a soldier discharged his fond well shot. Over the gram when our Hero we buried.
We buried him doubly at dead of night. The ead with purpayers turning. By the shugging moon-hears mirty light and the lantern dimly burning.
No mien could enchain his breast not in shut nor in shored we wound him. He lay like a wanier of asking his not. With his martial clock around him.
Few and short were the prayers and bald and, we spoke not a word of sorrow. But we steadily ruled on the fall that was dead and we blithely thought of the morrow.

25 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1914.
Mr. Lloyd George is to introduce the Budget next Thursday.

The new and direct telegraph cable of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company between Singapore and Hongkong, the laying of which, by the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Co.'s s.s. Colonia has been in progress since the 12th instant, was satisfactorily completed yesterday the final splice being made at a point about 260 miles south of Hongkong.

10 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1929.
Chinese reports from Canton are to the effect that Kwangtung has decided to wage war against Kwangsi, and that military movements are already being carried out in accordance with this direction.

5 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1934.
In a day of upron, during which many were shot down in clashes between Socialists and civil guards in Spain, churches and convents were set on fire and public buildings bombed, plain warning was given by Senor Gil Robles, the youthful leader of the Fascist organization, the Catholic Popular Action Party, of plans by the Fascists to seize power.
The threat carries with it the menace of serious bloodshed. Senor Gil Robles indicated an expectation that a Fascist coup would be followed by a revolt by the Socialists and Syndicalists. "If there is a revolution in the street," he said, "we shall go down to the street."

Troops Concentrate In Formosa

SWATOW, Apr. 25. Concentration of Japanese troops at Formosa has given rise to new rumours of an imminent invasion of Swatow. As a result, there has been a large-scale evacuation of civilians in the last few days.
Well-informed circles, however, believe that at least part of these Japanese troops are intended to be sent to Canton as reinforcements.
A British gunboat and several United States gunboats are anchored off the Swatow coast.—Central News.



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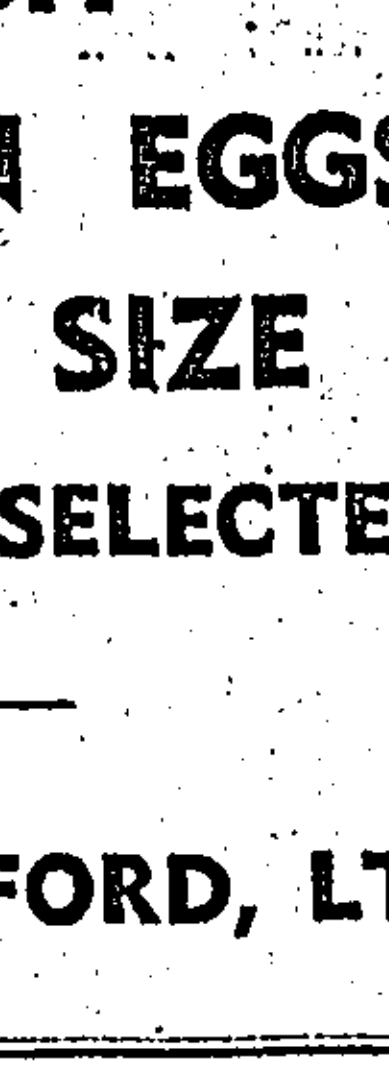
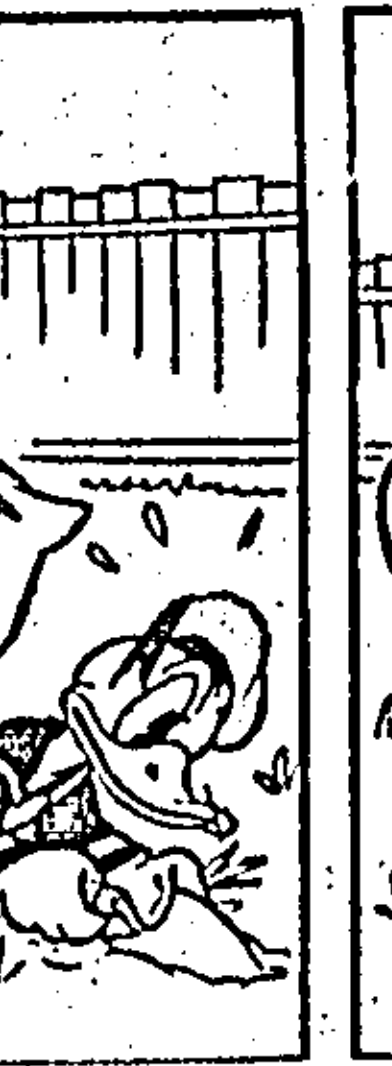
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Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways British Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 9th May.	m.v. Canton ..Sat., Apr. 29. G.F.O. and K.F.O.	
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	Ord.,	Apr. 29, 10 a.m.
Swatow	Prominent ..Sat., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.	
Halphong	Wosang	Sat., Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, 22nd May.	Conte Blancamare	Sat., Apr. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban	Montevideo Maru	Sat., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
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"THE skies were blue—until the bolt came. And—no Department was, seemingly more astonished than the Foreign Office. The News Agencies which supplied us with the news (of impending events in Europe) knew more, apparently, than the British Government. "The British Secret Service spends something like £500,000 per annum in ferreting out the secrets of other countries. Doubtless, the information supplied to the British Government is illuminating. If it is on a par with the official representations that have been made for public consumption through the Press, it is also inaccurate. "If the British Foreign Office is as ill-informed as recent happenings would have us believe, the country is badly served by its representatives in the capitals of Europe. For big events to burst without any warning or premonition, except that supplied by the newspapers, (and denied officially as "scare-mongering" speculation) must be bad for national stability and a danger to Britain's security." —"Telegraph" Editorial. — April 14.

APRIL 25

MEMBERS of Parliament are to crisscross the Secret Service in the House of Commons. They will allege that Britain's agents overseas—especially in Central Europe—have failed to keep the Cabinet properly informed of Hitler's plans. Allegations they will make include: 1.—The Cabinet was not warned that Hitler intended to march into Austria. 2.—It was left completely in the dark about preparations for invading Czechoslovakia, and 3.—It was similarly not told of Hitler's plans for seizing Memel. Cabinet Ministers will be asked to take immediate steps to strengthen our Secret Service in Europe, even if that means trebling the amount that is now being spent. All Secret Services are now costing only about £1,000,000. Germany is spending five times that sum. —Message from London to-day.

ANOTHER RADIO STATION FOUND IN KOWLOON RAID

THE POSSESSION of wireless transmission apparatus without a licence from the Police was the charge preferred against three Chinese before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The apparatus was found yesterday during a raid on No. 7, Lion Road, Kowloon City, and the three defendants were Cheung Shing, 22, Shanghai Chinese, Yu Siu-ching, 28, Swatow Chinese, and Li Chuen, 39, Hongkong Chinese. Mr. D. W. Waterton, Inspector of Wireless, appeared on behalf of the Post Master General. A remand of one week was granted, bail being \$1,000.

HAVANA, Apr. 24.—Soldiers and police to-day surrounded Havana Penitentiary and killed three escaped prisoners. The fugitives were surrounded on a farm near La Cabaal after a series of daring hold-ups in the city.—United Press.

CHEAP MEAL COST PLENTY

No Second "Kick In The Pants"

HIS INABILITY to pay for a meal he and his friends had consumed in a restaurant in Aberdeen on Sunday night, led to Wong Chung, 50, fisherman, being charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with obtaining credit to the extent of \$3.44 by false pretences.

Crown-Sergeant A. F. Estall said that Wong and two friends went into the Sun Fu Chow Restaurant at Aberdeen about 10 p.m. on Sunday and ordered food and wine worth \$3.44. After consuming the meal, the two friends left, leaving Wong behind. At 1 a.m. the foks were about to close the restaurant and asked Wong to pay his bill. The man was unable to do so, and said he was waiting for his friends to return. Wong, it appeared, had previously done the same thing at the same restaurant but no charge had then been preferred. The restaurant keeper had probably let him off then "with a kick in the pants," added Sergeant Estall. Wong was fined \$10 or four weeks' hard labour.

"I Had No Rice To Eat"

Excuse For Theft On Ship In Harbour

"I committed the theft because I had no rice to eat," said Chan Tin, 32, unemployed, to Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy to-day in pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of 30 catties of rice from on board the a.s. Macau, which was at the Tung On Wharf. It was said that at 8 a.m., on April 24, a watchman saw the defendant leaving the wharf with two baskets containing rice. Questioned, Chan admitted having stolen the rice from some cargo on one of the decks of the Macau. Chan was bound over to \$20 for a year.

My Family Killed

Yu Kwok-ching and Chan Yulian, the women in the party, gave corroborative evidence. The former added that she heard the assailant say: "You people need not be afraid. Go on eating. I am only taking revenge. My whole family has been killed and my sister-in-law has been raped." Wong Kan, a bill-writer of the restaurant, said that when he heard a woman's cry he turned round and saw a customer holding Li. He saw blood in the third cubicle and was so frightened that he ran to the door, where he fainted. In answer to Mr. Sheldon, witness said there was a mah-jong game going on in the cockpit, creating considerable noise. Pang Tso-chai, manager of the restaurant, said the defendant had a \$75 share in the business. He also worked there as a waiter at \$2 a month. On the night in question, he was eating with two friends in the first cubicle when he heard a woman's cry. He immediately got up and saw a customer lying on a seat inside the third cubicle. Li was standing about three feet away but witness did not notice if he had anything in his hand. The case is proceeding.

STORE RATIONS, H.K. HOUSEWIVES ARE URGED

DON'T WAIT for an emergency before stocking your larder with food supplies. That is the advice given to house-wives in Hongkong by the local authorities.

During the September crisis many unsuspecting housewives found to their dismay that they were unable to obtain from their comrades even the usual week's supply of canned stores. Panicky food-grabbers had got there before them.

Another such crisis may never arise, but it is a simple and wise precaution to stock the larder with an extra supply of foodstuffs which, in any case, can be used.

It is not as easy as it sounds to lay in an adequate store of foods to withstand an emergency.

Must Be Canned

For a start, it is obvious that emergency stores, to be really effective in this climate, would have to consist almost entirely of tinned foods.

An important point is that these should be as nearly as possible of the type generally eaten by the household because to keep the store fresh, the goods would have to be used in strict rotation for ordinary everyday requirements, and fresh stores at once procured to keep the list up to date.

No more than one month's emergency supply would be advisable or required.

The stores are not contemplated as a measure to resist a blockade, but as a measure to defeat the profiteers and food hoarders who would take advantage of a situation as they did in September.

The following list has been compiled for two Europeans to maintain themselves for a month:

- 28 tins breakfast foods,
- 28 tins luncheon foods,
- 28 tins dinner foods,
- 28 tins luncheon vegetables,
- 28 tins dinner vegetables,
- 56 tins soups,
- 20 tins tomatoes,
- 24 tins crisp breads,
- 4 tins dried eggs,
- 4 tins butter,
- 8 tins sweet biscuits,
- 8 tins marmalade,
- 16 tins cube sugar,
- 4 tins tea,
- 8 tins cocoa,
- 32 tins foods for puddings,
- 4 tins custards,
- 10 tins cornflour,
- 8 tins glucose,
- 8 tins cooking fat,
- 64 tins evaporated milk,
- 20 tins dried milk,
- 8 tins porridge oats,
- 8 tins prunes,
- 4 tins barley,
- 13 lbs. lentils,
- 8 pkts. bran,
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CHOPPER ATTACK ON JAPANESE

Sobbing Witness Tells Of Fate Of Aunt At Hands Of Japanese

EVIDENCE OF having heard accused say he was taking revenge because his family had been killed by the Japanese was given by several witnesses at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the trial of Li Ping-chun, 22, for the murder of Hi-yoshi Sagara, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The case is arousing tremendous interest amongst the Chinese, and there was an unusually large crowd present to-day. At one stage of the proceedings His Lordship had to warn the spectators to behave themselves otherwise he would have the Court cleared.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution and Li was defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, k.c., instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior, of Wilkinson and Grist.

The jury were Messrs. B. J. Lacon (foreman), R. Johnson, R. L. S. Webb, J. Webb, F. Sanchez, M. Carlo and Chan Kam-to.

Witness Sobs

Sobbing bitterly in the witness-box, Li Yun-yeung, brother of Li and a mechanic, said that sometime in January last he received a letter from a fellow-villager named Wong,

The Case In Brief

HIYOSHI SAGARA, a Japanese, was attacked with a chopper in the Cha Heung Sat Restaurant in Yanchai on the night of January 28. He sustained such severe injuries that he subsequently died in hospital. Li Ping-chun, 22-year-old waiter, was arrested in connection with the crime, and is now charged with the murder of Sagara.

The jury hearing the case are Messrs. B. J. Lacon (foreman), R. Johnson, R. L. S. Webb, J. Webb, F. Sanchez, M. Carlo and Chan Kam-to.

telling me that my uncle had been killed and my aunt raped. "Subsequently, I handed the letter to my brother, at the same time telling him of what Wong had said. "On hearing this, my brother's face turned very red and he said to me: 'You do your best to look after my adopted mother.' "I then left him; on the following day I heard of his arrest."

In answer to Mr. Sheldon, witness said that the uncle who had been killed had supported his brother until he was 14 years of age.

Mr. Sheldon: When your brother was about 14 years old, the uncle lost all his money in Canton and he had to support him?—Yes.

Younger Brother Killed

Wong also brought news that a younger brother had been killed by the Japanese?—Yes.

And that younger brother had been sent to the Chungshan School by the prisoner, who paid the fees?—Yes.

When the prisoner heard of the news, was he terribly upset?—Yes.

What kind of a man is your brother?—Very good indeed.

Is he a violent man?—No, he has always been a very honest man.

Mr. N. C. Laurenciano, assistant proof-reader of the Hongkong Daily Press, told the Court that whilst he was eating in the restaurant, with three friends, including two women, he heard sounds of chopping, followed immediately by noises of breaking glass. He did not pay any attention to this until one of the women screamed.

Head Lying On Seat

"I went forward to the left where the sounds came from, and I saw a man's head lying on a seat in the third cubicle. "The prisoner was standing about four feet away and he was holding a chopper in his right hand. "Blood was dripping to the floor from the head. "My friend Yeung left his seat and caught hold of the prisoner from behind. "At this stage, there was a commotion at my own table; on turning round I saw one of the women faint. Yeung let go of the prisoner and went to assist the woman. "Eat On, Drink On!"

"As I was leaving the restaurant, I heard the prisoner say: 'Don't be afraid. Eat on, drink on. Nothing to do with you.' "Before the sounds of chopping I did not hear any unusual noise, nor see anyone struggling. If the man in the third cubicle had left his seat and struggled with someone I would have noticed it."

Yeung Siu-ki, who was with Laurenciano, said that when he looked up on hearing a woman scream he saw a man repeatedly chopping another. The assailant was only about two paces away from him and he got up and snatched the chopper away. "I told him," went on witness, "not to run or move and not to chop again."

"He replied, 'My family has been killed and my sister-in-law has been raped.' "He did not offer any resistance when I snatched the chopper away from him. He was wearing white and I thought he was one of the foks."

Before the sounds of chopping witness continued, he did not hear anything unusual, though previously he had seen Li walking up and down, attending to customers. Li appeared absolutely normal.

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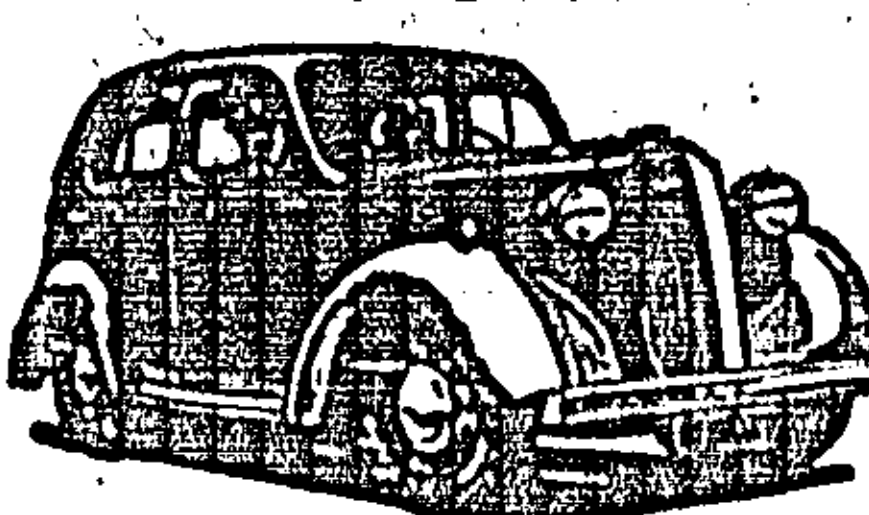
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DEATH

LING.—At the Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, on Tuesday, April 25th, 1939, Beatrice Augusta, beloved wife of Dr. Ling Kede-h. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.10 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, 26th April, 1939.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Wyndham St., Hongkong
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April 25, 1939

City Chaos

IT HAS not needed investigations which have been carried out by the "Telegraph" over a period of several days to disclose that the traffic problem in Hongkong has become completely chaotic.

During observations since last Thursday, it has been found that an average of between 80 and 100 private vehicles illegally park in the streets of the city between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Existing car parks are so filled to overflowing that a mad scramble ensues for empty spaces long before the average motorist is due at his office.

Unless urgent measures are taken by Government, the only possible outcome of the present situation is complete traffic chaos.

It is quite evident that the problem of illegal parking is already beyond remedy by the traffic authorities, since it is manifestly unfair to prosecute motorists who have no alternative but to infringe the regulations.

The number of private vehicles seeking parking accommodation in the city streets is far in excess of the space available.

Twelve months hence, the problem, unless immediately faced, will lead to a complete dislocation of existing methods.

The occupation of the centre of the city's thoroughfares has necessitated, in the case of one roadway, the banning of two-way vehicular traffic. In Pedder Street it leads to a dislocation of traffic that is already a serious problem on its own.

For the present situation, Government has itself to blame.

The policy of utilising the city's streets as car parks has led to the chaotic conditions now ruling.

Now, with saturation a fact, Government must either allocate other streets and thus add to the existing confusion, or radically alter the entire system.

Motorists themselves must admit that Hongkong is one of the very few cities in the world where free car parking is permitted in streets.

The obvious method is to abolish this system.

The alternatives are to construct enclosed "city-scrapers" car parks or, in the case of one roadway, the banning of two-way vehicular traffic.

The modern method of elevators for transportation from floor to floor, or to construct underground parks which will not interfere with mobility on the streets.

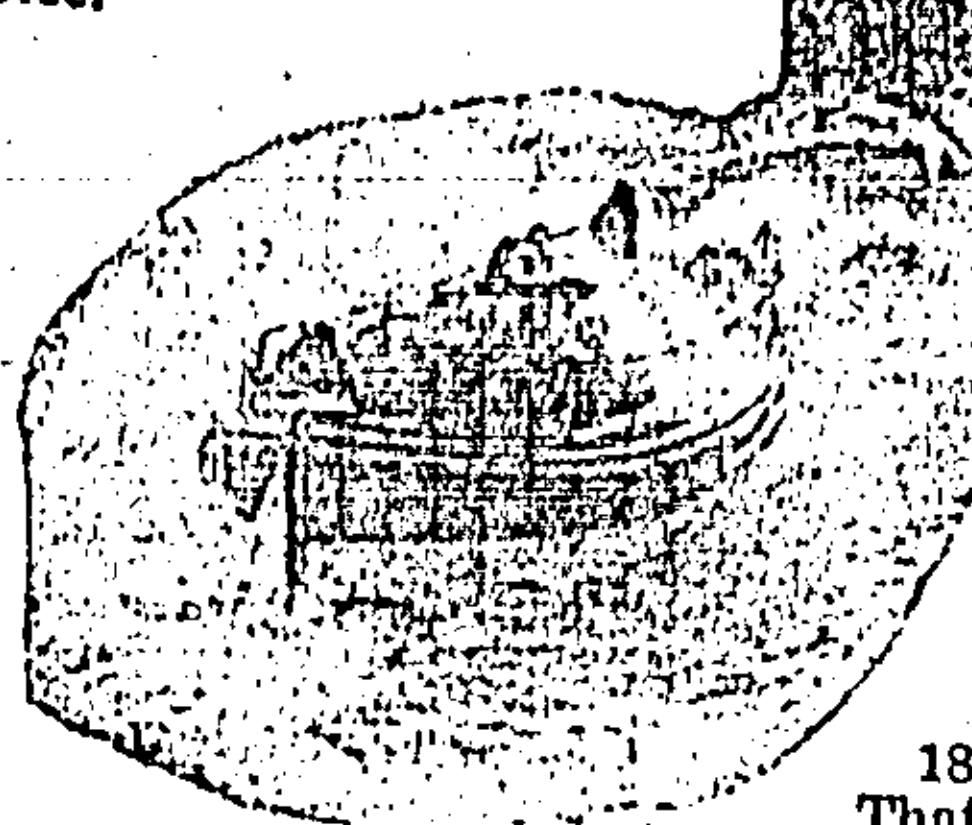
In this connection, the old City Hall site or Beaconsfield Arcade suggest themselves as ideal positions for the former plan.

The alternative plan of digging or tunnelling would probably be more acceptable in this Colony, in view of the fact that such garages could rapidly be converted into air raid shelters in times of emergency.

Private enterprise would, of course, solve the Colony's traffic problem if Government would end the competitive system of permitting free parking in the streets. At the risk of incurring the wrath of the Automobile Association, we contend

The Story Of The Brave MEN OF THE SEA

Yesterday a brief "Router" cable told of the death of six lifboatmen. But for every lifboatman drowned 160 other men are saved by Britain's lifboat service. This article tells the story of that service.



The Original was used at Barmburgh, on the cruel Northumbrian coast, until, in 1830, she broke in two. That was the beginning of a service which to-day controls 140 motor lifboats; 24 pulling and sailing lifeboats; a fleet of 164 craft that cover key-points of the entire coast of Great Britain and Ireland. The cost of the boats runs from £500 to £10,000 per craft; upkeep varies from £400 to £600 a year.

The modern type of boat is 51ft. long, has a range of 120 miles without refuelling, has a speed of 9 knots, carries a crew of 8, and has capacity to carry 100 passengers.

A ship was aground in Tyne-mouth. They saw her sink until only her masts were above water. They watched helplessly, as the frail spars bent with the weight of the crew clinging to them.

It was death to any boat to put out, and the merchants, impatient and horror-stricken, saw the crew drop, one by one, to drown in the swirling waters.

WITHIN a few days the merchants offered the sum of Two Guineas for the design of some type of craft which could be used to save the lives of shipwrecked sailors.

Plan after plan poured in, none of which was considered practicable, although one William Wouldhave, a house-painter and -singing-teacher, submitted a model—in tin—of what he called a "self-righting" ship. This was adjudged worth half the prize—which Wouldhave refused. Sixty-two years later—in 1851—its principles were recognised and incorporated in all lifboats.

Out of all the plans submitted, one lifboat was evolved, called the Original. It embodied some of the ideas conceived in 1784 by one Lionel Lukin, a London coachbuilder, who had designed what he termed an "unimmergible" boat; i.e., unsinkable. He had transformed a Norwegian yawl into a craft of his design. Lukin it was who, in 1807, designed the type of sailing lifboat still in use on the East coast.

that motorists have no more right to "stricted and free parking in the centre of the city's main streets than would have shop-keepers to set up their businesses there.

Transportation Breakdown

TO SOME extent the present parking chaos is also due to the breakdown in the system of public transportation between the city and suburbs.

The parking problem is undoubtedly bound up with the fact that many people have become motorists because the passenger ratio to available accommodation in trams and buses—especially in the latter—has passed saturation point.

A measure of relief would be obtained for both motorists and those forced to use existing public transportation systems if the latter could be speeded up and extended.

For some time past we have heard of proposals for double-decker buses in Kowloon. We submit that these are far more urgently required on the island routes, where congestion has reached a point where it is becoming increasingly impossible for city workers to reach their offices or homes at reasonable hours.

Government would do well to institute an inquiry into the entire traffic problem in Hongkong, with special reference to the two points raised by the "Telegraph."

They reached the wreck; they took off the crew. As they sailed back he and three of his fellows were swept overboard. They, in turn, were rescued, and when Hillary came to land he had six ribs broken and his chest "stove in."

The institution he had founded awarded him its gold medal, the V.C. of the Peaceful Seas.

THE institution was founded, but it made little headway. In 1838 Grace Darling's superb exploit from the lighthouse on Farne Island awakened a momentary interest, but it was not until 1849, when a lifboat capsized in the mouth of the Tyne, that the public really awoke to the crying need for an efficient service. At that time the R.N.L.I.'s funds were £354 p.a. Then the fourth Duke of Northumberland offered a hundred guineas for the design of a ship. The winner incorporated Wouldhave's plans and the first self-righting lifboat was bought by Ramsgate.

To tell the epic of the service would be to fill with anonymous heroism every page of every issue for a month and still leave half untold.

In 1861 the Whitby lifboat went out six times in one day, and capsized with the loss of all hands on the last journey.

In 1914, when all lights were extinguished on account of the war, a hospital ship was wrecked near the same port. One local pulling and sailingboat went out twice in a raging gale; two nearby lifboats were towed out by trawlers, but could not live in the sea. A third craft was lowered bodily down sheer cliffs, by rope, by hand—but could not make headway against the raging October gale. Another boat was forced back. Only a motor-boat could save 200 who still remained aboard.

The Tynemouth boat was 44 miles away. Within 15 minutes of the call she was out; within

7 hours she was in Whitby; she went out at once and saved the 50 who had survived the 48-hour ordeal.

The Lowestoft boat once went out and stayed out for 17 hours; the average age of the crew was 53; two of the men were 72.

In 1925 men and women of Boulmer (Northumberland) towed the lifboat nine miles overland. They covered it in seven hours and got the boat afloat.

The men that do this work? Sailors who volunteer for a few shillings of pay paid by piece work. Only the Cox gets a retainer: £12 a year. The engineer is a permanent official. The men have a sliding scale (in which the Cox shares in addition to his retainer), ranging from 12s. 6d. for a day launch in summer to 66s. 6d. for a day and night session in winter. If a man loses his life on lifboat work, his dependants receive the equivalent of a Service pension. The R.N.L.I. told me that extra grants are made in cases of appalling danger. The bill for personnel amounts to £50,000 a year.

MORE than 60,000 men, women and children have been saved by the lifboats of Britain since they were organised. Last year, there were 483 launches, saving 88 vessels, helping 250 ships, saving 637 men.

The R.N.L.I. have distributed 118 gold, 1,000 silver, 200 bronze medals—and they do not award lightly.

Sometimes, as yesterday, as at St. Ives last year, and as in 1928 at Rye, a lifboat and the bulk or all of its hands are lost; but the proudest of all the proud boasts of the R.N.L.I. is contained in the cold mathematical equation:

One lifboatman lost—160 men of other ships saved.

Gerald Haylett

Great Spirits in Poor Bodies

By a Wimpole Street Doctor

IT is a curious thing that, although we should attribute such an exaggerated importance to our bodies,

Naturally we should endeavour to keep them healthy, clean, and suitably covered, but apart from that surely the only thing that really matters is the essential ego which inhabits the body.

It is that which determines whether we are clever or stupid; good companions, or crashing bores; kindly or selfish; and it is these qualities that decide whether our fellows will like or dislike us.

Although we all know this in our hearts, such is the influence of purely physical appearance that some trifling infirmity or deformity can change a man's life or decide his destiny. The extraordinary thing is that this tremendous psychological force is created entirely by the individual. He is not moulded by public opinion, but by himself.

Up till quite recent times those who were physically afflicted were objects of scorn and derision. The hunchback, the cripple, the blind, and the insane were all regarded as Nature's jokes provided specially to entertain the rest of humanity.

Triumphs Of Will

It is the racial memory of the cruel indignities heaped upon those unfortunate that makes us so acutely self-conscious of any personal idiosyncrasy.

There is no doubt that, with the correct mental outlook, a physical infirmity can be an immense force for good. It is no mere coincidence that the man who has become a great President of America should have

been handicapped by half-withered legs. He must originally have possessed immense will-power, but it was the terrible determination necessary first of all to conquer the infantile paralysis that struck him down and secondly to remain absolutely normal in every spiritual respect in spite of his infirmity, that converted him from a great man into a colossus.

If Philip Snowden had not, as a young man, been the victim of a cycle accident that crippled him for life, would he have developed into one of the leading statesmen of modern times? The pain from which he was never free made him as inflexible as steel in public life. Yet he did not allow it to mar his character, because his friends knew him as one of the kindest men who ever breathed.

Handicaps Overcome

No matter how cruel a physical handicap may be, it can be overcome so long as the possessor does not allow it to become a psychological blight. There was a brilliant young surgeon who lost an arm in the Great War. His whole heart and soul was in surgery, but even a genius cannot operate with one hand. He turned to medicine, and as a physician constantly needs two hands for examination and manipulation,

His career was finished, and few would have blamed him if he had blown out his brains, or drifted into the gutter.

Instead of doing anything so weakly foolish, this man took up the study of skin diseases, and is now one of the world's leading dermatologists, perhaps the only branch of healing in which the loss of an arm is not an insuperable handicap. That is Professor F. J. Burgess, of McGill University, Montreal.

The late Sir Arthur Pearson triumphantly demonstrated to the world that even the affliction of blindness need be no bar to success. He is, in fact, remembered to-day for the work he did for the blind after losing his sight.

With inspiring examples like these before us, why should some of us be so absurdly sensitive about physical faults? Why should we allow them to transform us into cringing, shy, apologetic creatures, or else make us tremendously aggressive?

They have not the slightest effect on the essential spirit that dwells within us. There are a number of reasons. Perhaps the most important is selfishness. We have been made to suffer and we are going to take jolly good care that everyone else suffers as well. Or we may find that our infirmity attracts attention, so to keep in the limelight we continually make it a parade of it. Or perhaps we discover it arouses sympathy, so we unblushingly exploit that sympathy in order to benefit personally.

This selfish attitude defeats itself speedily; before very long we become psychological lepers, who deserve segregating from the rest of humanity.

Japanese Hold 10 Ships At Woosung

SHANGHAI, Apr. 25.

TEN vessels flying third Powers' flags are detained by Japanese authorities at Woosung for examination, it is revealed. Although they fly foreign flags, it is suspected that these vessels are operated by their original Chinese owners.

It is pointed out that one vessel sailing under alien colours was stopped by Japanese authorities and upon examination the ship failed to produce registration papers.

Recent inquiries carried out by Japanese naval authorities, it is asserted, have established that heavy brokerage trade is carried on in Shanghai for the sale of foreign registration documents to Chinese ship-owners.

Ships which have nominally changed hands in this way are understood to be engaged in the transport of arms and ammunition and other contraband goods.

These vessels which are still detained at Woosung by the Japanese authorities include the Don Pedro Juan and the Don Sula which belong to a Sino-American steamship company; the Maria Maryada of the Maria Steamship Navigation Company; and the Dragon, of a Portuguese steamship company.

There are three other motor transport junks owned by Portuguese interests and two Chinese-owned motor-boats. The passengers of the Li Pao have been permitted to land in Shanghai, but the passengers and cargoes of other vessels are held up at Woosung.—Domet.

It Was 71 Yesterday

BUT IT'S GOING TO BE WARMER

WHILE yesterday's temperatures were inclined to be slightly below normal for this time of the year, warmer days are ahead, according to the Royal Observatory.

In fact the next few hours will see a general increase in temperature, and it is likely that the mercury will step up to the 80 mark.

Yesterday's maximum was 72, with the minimum four degrees below this. At 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 71, while humidity was 79 per cent.

The local forecast for the next 24 hours predicts moderate east to south-east winds, with a cloudy sky, and the atmosphere becoming warmer.

The Royal Observatory backs this forecast with the announcement that an anti-cyclone continues moving eastward and is now centred over the Pacific to the south of Japan. The northern depression is moving eastward over Manchuria. Pressure remains relatively low over Tongking and Siam.

Hungarian-Yugo-Slav Pact Likely

Berlin, Apr. 24. The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" states that the projected visit of M. Markovitch, the Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, to Hungary will probably take place in May.

It is believed that on this occasion a Yugo-Slavian-Hungarian non-aggression pact will be signed.

When informed that Hungary would be willing to sign this pact, M. Markovitch is stated to have signified that Yugo-Slavian would also be prepared to do so. It is stated that the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czaky, will proceed to Belgrade to sign the pact. Hungary will not make any territorial demands, but merely ask for guarantees concerning the treatment of the Hungarian minorities in Yugo-Slavia.—Trans-Ocean.

Royal Couple's Wedding Celebrations

Teheran, Apr. 24. Celebrations in connection with the wedding of the Crown Prince of Iran, which began on Saturday, continued to-day when heads of special missions, Cabinet Ministers, senior army officers, and other notabilities attended a reception given by President Majless in the Majless Garden.

Later there will be a banquet at the Officers' Club. The festivities reach a climax to-morrow when the Shah presents the couple with two palaces specially built for them. One is reserved for the bride's own personal use.—Reuter.

Restoration of Order In Palestine

LONDON, Apr. 24.

RESTORATION of order in Palestine proceeds steadily, and such terrorist bands as still remain are small and scattered, and avoid carefully any encounter with the military. Sniping still occasionally occurs, but terrorist activities are now much hampered by the recent captures of arms and munitions, and by the growing hostility of villagers towards bandits who pillage the countryside in the pretext that they are protecting interested Arabs. In some regions, such as Jericho there has been no shooting at all since March 28, on which date a military billet was sniped without any damage to the troops.—British Wireless.

ARAB PROPOSALS: REJECTED

Cairo, Apr. 24.

The British answer to the latest Arab proposals for a solution of the Palestine problem was submitted to a delegation here by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson to-day. Arab circles intimate that the British answer was a complete rejection of the proposals. It is declared that the British Government has now broken off negotiations, as, it is alleged, they have attained their purpose of decreasing disorders in Palestine.—Trans-Ocean.

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LONDON, Apr. 24.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS in the House of Commons to-day on charges made a long time ago against the management of Imperial Airways, Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, said that Sir John Reith, on his appointment to the chairmanship, undertook examination of the charges, and had reported his conclusions.

One Dead, Three Injured In Shanghai Car Crash

SHANGHAI, Apr. 25.

THE CAR in which Dr. Bertram Lillie, B.Sc., President of the Lester Institute of Technical Education in Shanghai was killed yesterday, was being driven by Dr. Lillie in Hongkew when it collided with a Japanese motor bus.

Dr. Lillie's wife was seriously injured and she underwent an emergency operation in the General Hospital, where she vainly pleaded to be taken home to attend to her baby who was suffering from whooping cough.

An English police sergeant, R. J. Winstell was also seriously injured as was a Japanese bluejacket, who, for reasons not yet clear, was on the running board of the car.

Dr. Lillie arrived only a few hours earlier aboard the Gneisenau, after spending his leave in England.—Reuter.

ANZAC DAY OBSERVED IN HONGKONG

MEMBERS of the Australian and New Zealand community in Hongkew gathered at the Cenotaph this morning in observance of Anzac Day, which commemorates the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915.

A wreath was laid on the Cenotaph steps by Mr. F. J. Neill, Vice-President of the Australian and New Zealand Association, and Mr. Albert E. Bates.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMME. Anzac Day is being observed in Daventry programmes to-day.

Hongkew listeners should tune in to Daventry at 10 p.m. (H.K.T.) on Transmission 3 and at 2.30 a.m. to-morrow (H.K.T.) on Transmission 4 to hear the programmes on Anzac Day.

The troops of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps made the first landing at Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, and the programme "Anzac Day, 1939", which is to be broadcast, will consist of poetry and music in commemoration of those who fell on that day and in the campaign which followed. The reading of the poems will alternate with an account in prose of some of the incidents of this memorable day.

Expelled Businessmen: Aid Extended

Berlin, Apr. 24. The British authorities are reported to be making representations on behalf of three well-known British businessmen who are threatened with expulsion, believed as reprisals for the expulsion of three Germans from Britain recently.

One of the three, Mr. John Neill, chief partner of the well-known auditors, Price, Waterhouse and Company is in Berlin. The other two are Mr. Leslie Parkin, general manager at Hamburg for the Eastern Telegraph Company, and Mr. C. Edlinson, a merchant in Hamburg.

They have been informed that they must leave Germany by May 10.—Reuter.

Stock Market Report

London, Apr. 24. On the London Stock Exchange to-day, western holdings provided the main feature of trading, advancing sharply following publication of a good development report, though they finally receded.

Elsewhere the trend generally was easier, owing to the imminence of the budget, though trading was too quiet to provide any real test of prices.

Among commodities, jute met with a strong response from Calcutta, with trading more active, especially on the new crop. Cotton eased following President Roosevelt's approval of an export subsidy of two cents per pound, but later it partially recovered with better support.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter Special.

POLISH TERROR ALLEGED

WARSAW, Apr. 24.

THE WAVE of Polish terrorism against Germans living in territories ceded to Poland in 1919, especially in Upper Silesia, is still continuing, according to reports received here.

Numerous Germans were molested by groups of Poles in Katowice on Monday, many of the agitators appearing as though they had been sent to the district especially to stir up trouble.

The 60 year-old distributor of the German paper "Kattowitzer Zeitung", Paul Zabolka, was set upon by a band of twenty Poles and severely beaten. The assailants then burned his papers and disappeared.

A thirteen-year-old youth was set upon by a crowd in Bismarckstrasse because he spoke German. In a shop, He was finally left unconscious in the street. Persons attempting to interfere were held back at the pistol point.

Three other Germans in Katowice were also molested for speaking German, but the police in no case appeared in time to apprehend the assailants. From Koenigschuette it is reported that the windows of the German school at Eichendorf were smashed.—Trans-Ocean.

Hongkong Firewood Prices Soar

A sudden large increase in the price of firewood is causing concern to Colony house-holders.

At the beginning of this year firewood was selling for \$1.50 per 100 catties.

When the Kōngmoon invasion was started a short time ago, the price jumped to \$2.00 per 100 catties. A local firm which practically controls the firewood industry purchased large stocks from Singapore at a price reputed to be around \$1.00 per 100 catties landed in Hongkong.

Yesterday, without previous warning the price was increased to \$2.50 per 100 catties.

Hongkong's daily consumption of firewood approximates 500 tons, most of which is imported.

Regarding the accusation of attempts to victimise pilots for joining a new organisation, the Airline Pilots Association, Sir John Reith stated that certain senior officials of the company regretted the formation of the Association, and had made their views known to pilots, but there was no evidence of coercion or victimisation.

Two prominent gentlemen connected with aviation insurance had repudiated the aspersions cast and the Pilots' Association had accepted the repudiation.

Regarding complaints of defects in organisation and the standard working conditions, the report states that certain defects were only to be expected in a company developing rapidly, but most of them had since been eradicated, and improvement was progressive.

Allegations against the personal conduct of one of the Company's managers overseas had been closely investigated, but had not been substantiated.

The report agrees that a certain type of literature was available when originally delivered for operation in certain conditions. Necessary modifications had already been made when the matter was discussed in the House of Commons on May 31 last year.—Reuter Special.

NEW FLYING BOATS

London, Apr. 24.

Imperial Airways to-day took delivery of the flying-boats Australia and Aotearoa, the first two of three flying-boats destined for the Australian-New Zealand and the England-New Zealand air route.

The third boat, the Awarua is expected to be launched in about a week.

It is anticipated that pending completion of the necessary ground organisation, these flying-boats will be used on the regular Empire routes from England to South Africa and to Australia and the Far East.

They are sister ships of the fly-boats which will bridge the Atlantic in the summer. They are the last word in passenger luxury. The machines are four-engined and can take off at 40,000 lbs., and have ample range for the 1,300 miles crossing from Sydney to Auckland.—Reuter Special.

Law Combines Africa Police Forces

LONDON, Apr. 24.

THE South African Parliament to-day passed a law combining the South African and South-West African police forces, according to a message from Cape Town.

In reply to a statement by a member of the Opposition that nothing had happened in South-West Africa, the Minister of Justice declared that the sending of police reinforcements had had the desired effect.

The police would be withdrawn, he declared, when the situation rendered this advisable.

Had the Government neglected its duty at the present time, military measures, perhaps, would have been necessary at a later date, he concluded.—Trans-Ocean.

APPEAL TO GERMANS

Johannesburg, Apr. 24.

An appeal to the German community in South-West Africa to obey the law and to live on friendly terms with their South African neighbours was made by the new German Consul-General, Herr Liernu, at a meeting at Windhoek to-day.

Herr Liernu added that there was no danger of trouble in South-West Africa, where Germans had no plan of offensive action at all.—Reuter Special.

Britain's Enormous Wireless Receipts

LONDON, Apr. 24.

SIR Walter Womersley, assistant Postmaster-General said in the House of Commons that the total receipts from wireless receiving licences to the end of last year were about £30,000,000.

Of this sum the Post Office retained about £4,000,000 to cover their expenses, and the British Broadcasting Corporation had received about £22,300,000. The Exchequer retained £3,700,000.

Licence revenues paid to the corporation would be progressively increased under present arrangements. The question of the extension of television service throughout the whole of the country raised numerous problems, both technical and financial. Aspects of the question, including proposals of the Radio Manufacturers Association, were being investigated, but no decision had yet been reached.—British Wireless.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 24.

New York Cotton		
	Opening	Closing
May	8.15/24	8.29/28
July	7.99/8.04	8.09/10
Oct.	7.73/79	7.74/74
Dec.	7.70/72	7.62/62
Jan.	7.74/75	7.62/62
Mar.	7.62/62	7.69/69
Spot		8.00 N

The First Notice Day for May cotton is April 25th, and the last day is May 10th.

New York Rubber		
	Opening	Closing
May	15.70/68	15.60/60
Sept.	15.70/70	15.74/74
Dec.	15.64/64	15.77 N
Mar.		15.85/86

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 27th, and the last day is May 1st.

Chicago Wheat		
	Opening	Closing
May	69 1/2/69 1/2	69/68 3/4
July	69/68 1/2	68/68 1/2
Sept.	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2

Saturday's Sales: 4,600,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn		
	Opening	Closing
May	48 1/2/48 1/2	48 1/2/48 1/2
July	50/49 1/2	49 1/2/49 1/2
Sept.	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat		
	Opening	Closing
May	61/60 3/4	60 3/4/60 3/4
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2
Oct.		63 1/2/63 1/2

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

Although prices generally were fairly well maintained, the volume of business was on a restricted scale, giving the appearance of a "wait and see" policy.

Buyers	
Canton Insurance	\$220
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$100
H.K. Docks	\$10 1/2
H.K. Lands	\$23 1/2
H.K. Tramways	\$10 1/2
Telephones (Old)	\$21 1/2
Cement	\$12 1/2
Canton Ice	\$1
Entertainments	\$6 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loan	\$3 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	par

Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,379
H.K. Docks	\$17
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$355
H.K. Land	\$34
China Lights (Old)	\$3 1/2
China Lights (New)	\$5 1/2

Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,365
Providents	\$400
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$315
H.K. Realities	\$420
H.K. Tramways	\$10 1/2
Antennae	\$5.25
Atoka	\$3 1/2
Coco Grove	\$3 1/2
H. K. L.	\$4 1/2
Hogons	\$4
North Camarlack	40
San Maurice	22
United Paracetes	60

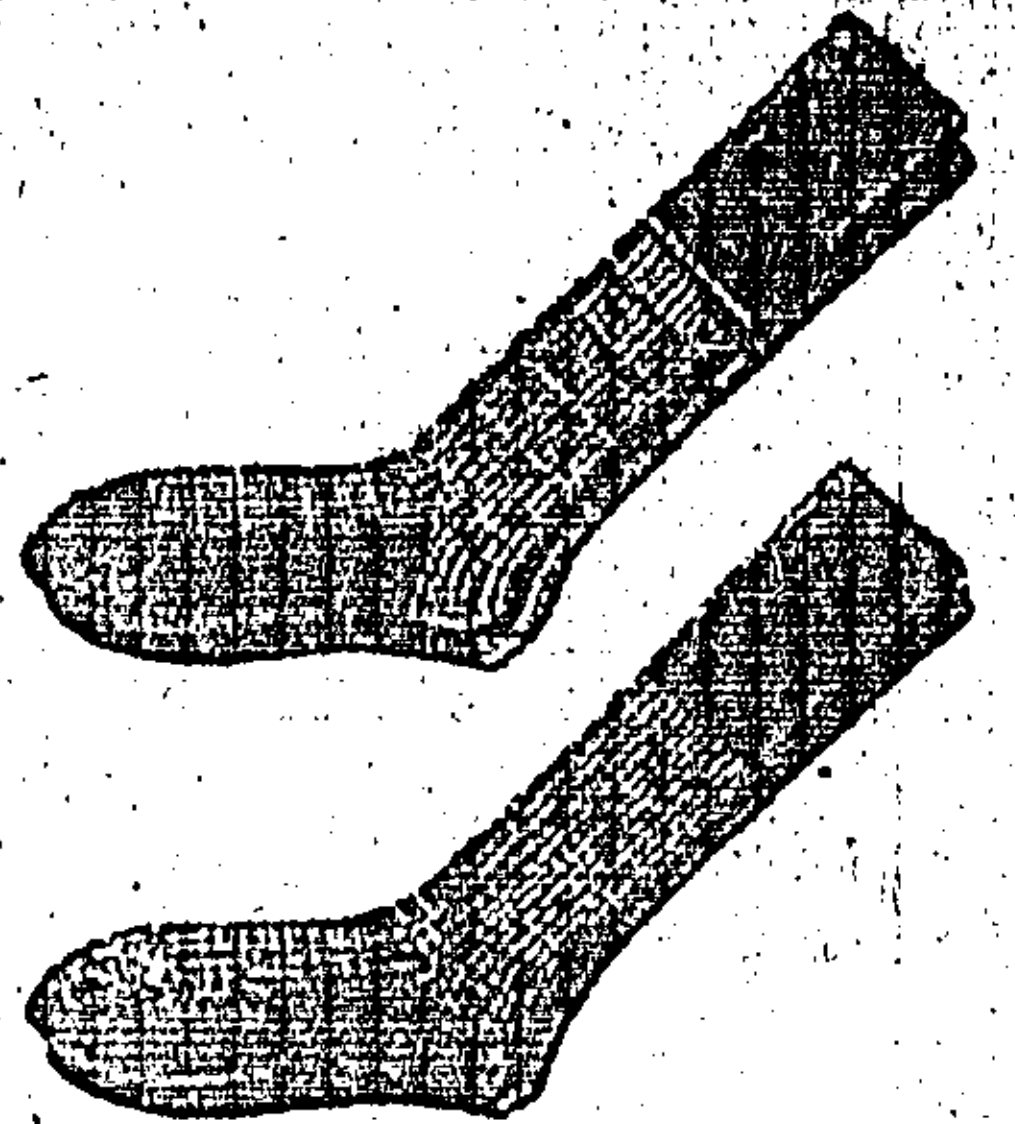
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Italian Trade Balance

Rome, Apr. 24. The Italian foreign trade balance for the first quarter of the year reveals a decided improvement over the same period last year. Imports were 2.4 milliard lire, as compared with 3.14 milliard last year, and exports were 2.43 milliard lire, as compared with 2.53 milliard in 1938.

BISHOP OF LONDON

London, Apr. 24. The King has nominated the Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Bishop of Chester, for election as Bishop of London in succession to the Right Rev. A. P. W. Ingram, who is retiring.—Reuter Bulletin.

The import surplus is thus 72.10 million lire, as compared with 51.61 million lire a year ago.—Trans-Ocean.

TAME ENDING TO QUARTER-FINAL TENNIS MATCH



TUSSELE FOR THE BALL between Sid Fowler, the English outside-right, and a Portuguese defender in the International Hockey final played at King's Park on Sunday. England won by two goals to nil after the worst match of the 1939 series.—Staff Photographer.

LATEST GOSSIP FROM HOMESIDE SPORTS FIELDS

Cup Competition Suggested For Third Division Teams

London, Apr. 10.

A CUP competition for the whole of the Third Division of the Football League may replace the present Northern and Southern Section cup tournaments. These have been failures this season and every club taking part has lost on the matches. The new proposal to run one competition for both sections will be discussed on the eve of the Cup Final, April 28, when officials of the two groups meet in London.

WHEN Albert Brown, John Oakes and Sam Bartram reach Durban during the F. A. tour of South Africa they will do a job for their manager. In 1920, when Seed was captain of the last touring side, he planted a tree behind the stand on the Durban Test match ground, where the never-ending timeless Test was played. This is done by the captains of all touring cricket and football teams. The Charlton manager has asked his three players to water the Seed tree and to report to him about its growth.

THE Davis Cup lawn tennis tie between Great Britain and New Zealand in the second round of the European zone, has been provisionally fixed for May 11, 12 and 13 at the Sussex County Lawn Tennis Club, Brighton. New Zealand's team will be C. E. Maffroy, D. C. Coombe, A. D. Brown and N. V. Edwards. Edwards has not been in this country before, but is the present champion of New Zealand.

NORTHAMPTON Town had no luck on April 8. In the train on the way to Southend, McCulloch,

the right-back, was taken ill and the team had to be rearranged, with Thayne at right-back and Barrett at centre-half. Then, after only seven minutes' play, left-back Russell fell awkwardly and broke his right leg. He was carried from the field on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

HOW'S this for a record? In the Glasgow Junior Challenge Cup tie between Shawfield and Ashfield at Glasgow, six penalty kicks were missed.

MR. Frederick Hart, a traveller of Cambridge on April 8 caught a young fox by hand between Milton, Hunts, and Elsworth, Cambridgeshire. He handed it over to the Cambridgeshire Hunt Kennels at Caxton. He saw the fox run into a hedge and grabbed it by the tail. It snarled at him, so he released his hold and stunned it and put it in a box.

BILL McCracken, the Aldershot manager, has suggested two innovations to the Football Association. The first is that all footballs should be pumped up to a standard pressure

Racing

Latest Calls-Over For Classics

London, Apr. 24.

The following is the call-over for the Derby:

13/2 Blue Peter (o), 7/1 (t)
17/2 Fox Cub (t. and o.)
100/8 Signal Light (t. and o.)
100/7 Fairstone (o)
14/1 Dhott (t. and o.)
20/1 Wheatland (t. and o.)
25/1 Romeo II (t. and o.)

—Reuter.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

London, Apr. 24.

The following is the call-over for the Two Thousand Guineas:

9/2 Blue Peter (o), 5/1 (t)
11/2 Fox Cub (t. and o.)
100/15 Dhott (t. and o.)
8/1 Rogerstone Castle (o)
100/12 Fairstone (t. and o.)
100/8 Romeo II (o), 12/1 (t)
100/8 Wheatland (o)
100/8 Dispenser (o)
100/8 Admiral's Walk (o), 100/7 (t)
100/7 Casanova (o)
100/8 Tamworth (o)

Signal Light is not running in the Two Thousand Guineas.—Reuter.

(Just like tyres on a motor car) and that all League grounds should be standardised as regards length and breadth.

THE Household Brigade Steeplechases at Hawthorn Hill have been unlucky in weather both this year and last. In 1938 the two-day meeting had to be abandoned altogether owing to the ground being too hard, and the first day this time the ground was almost too soft and horses had no easy task both in taking off and landing on the sodden ground. The second day was cancelled on this account.

GEORGE Allison of the Arsenal Club thinks footballers are adequately paid. Writing in the Sunday Express he remarks:

"In certain cases alone clubs could afford to pay higher wages to their players but I doubt if many people will argue that a footballer receiving a maximum wage of £8 per week during the playing season, of £6 per week during the close season, plus bonuses and benefit money is badly off. Included in the suggestions put forward by the Players' Union is one concerning an increase in talent money, or bonuses, if you prefer the word. Again let me express a purely personal opinion. I have always held the view that successful players should be suitably rewarded, but I am definitely against the bonus system. I don't believe in paying a player a certain amount of money for winning this or that match. It is his mission to give of his best whether in the hour of victory or defeat."

TORQUAY United are having a bad time. You can gather the enthusiasm for the club among the townspeople when at a public meeting called to launch a scheme of subscription to the issue of 5/- shares, only about three dozen people turned up.

THERE is hope for the elderly golfer. Sandy Herd on April 24 will be seventy-one, yet he is again competing for the British Open championship at St. Andrews. A noble effort this, for it is exactly fifty-four years since he played in his first Open championship at St. Andrews, at the age of seventeen. How times have changed! Nowadays there are upwards of 550 competitors compared with the odd fifty or so when Sandy first entered. Every one will, I am sure, wish Alexander Herd well in this, perhaps his final, championship at the headquarters of the game. And, knowing him, he will be as enthusiastic to acquire himself as well in 1939 as he was in 1905.

BAD refereeing has been blamed for a great deal of the rough play in League football this season.

EARLY PROMISE NOT KEPT UP BY HO KA-LAU

Tsui Yun-Pui Improves After A Shaky Start

(By "Abe")

For just a while yesterday it seemed that the stand court match between Tsui Yun-pui and Ho Ka-lau in the quarter-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship might end in an upset. The former, who was expected to win, was playing very badly and the latter was surprisingly good in the first four games, all of which he won; but the state of affairs did not last, and the favourite improved to win with an ease which contrasted strangely with the even play of the first set.

The final scores in favour of Tsui were 7-5, 6-0. While there was some doubt as to his ascendancy in the second set, he was somewhat lucky to annex the first, though in fairness to him one must say that the manner in which he fought back from a bad start was deserving of the highest praise. Until he changed his racket after losing the first four games, he was extremely tentative in his stroking, whereas Ho went almost gaily to his points, revealing a confidence which seemed to bode ill for his younger opponent.

Helped along by the erratic play of Tsui, Ho had an easy passage in the opening games and in a very short time had established a lead of 4-0. Then Tsui changed his racket, and from this stage onwards Ho's merry progress was checked.

Nevertheless, Ho was twice within a point of going to a 5-1 lead. Each time he was pulled back, and taking advantage of the respite, Tsui not only won this important sixth game but also the next two to square matters. He was not yet finished and won the ninth to lead 5-4, but this was the end of his success. Tsui won nine games in a row to take the first set at 7-5 and the second to love.

In the second set Ho was completely outclassed by a player who, after a shaky start, was now riding on the crest of the wave. There was none of that hesitancy which had marked Tsui's play in the opening games, and his driving and volleying bore the hall-mark of a man who had regained his confidence and was now showing his real qualities. In the circumstances Ho's fight became a hopeless one.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

The first semi-final match of the current championships will be decided to-day when Tsui Yun-pui (holder) meets S. A. Rumjahn, many times former champion. This meeting of old rivals should produce a good match. Most judges of the game are of the opinion that Tsui

The West Riding Referees' Association, an attempt to improve the standard, has worked out this scheme. When two or more players go for the ball at the same time, young referees are told to watch their faces. The theory is that by watching facial expressions referees can or should be able to detect whether a player is paying attention to the man or the ball.

AN adventurous entry into big football is that of Dudley Milligan, the young South African centre forward of promotion-seeking Chesterfield. He arrived here last summer on the off chance of finding an opening for his football talent, scored five goals for Dundee's reserves when they trounced the senior team in a trial game, but did not appreciate Dundee's offer and decided to return home. Representatives of Clyde actually persuaded him to leave the boat he had joined and enlist under their banner. He scored well for them but, being unable to command his position, was ready to move when Chesterfield came along with an offer. That was in November and Chesterfield have done so well with this bold youngster as the spearpoint of their attack that they have a real chance of promotion. Meanwhile Milligan has been capped by Ireland, home of his parents, not a bad record in one season of League football. If Milligan is a fair sample of South Africa's young footballers, the F.A. touring team have some tough matches ahead of them.

THREE members of the Waterloo (Liverpool) Rugby Union Football Club crawled out of the wreckage of their overturned car and helped to beat Bangor Town (Cardiff) in an hour later, on April 8. Forward Harrison was driving Scrum-half Kneale and Full-back Turnbull on the team's Easter tour in Wales. The car hit the kerb on the Conway-Bangor Road, crashed through a wall, and overturned in a field. People ran to help but the men scrambled out unhurt, pecked their kit into another car and drove to the ground. Waterloo won by 12 points to nil.

is head and shoulders above anybody else in the singles tournament, and he should win to-day. But Rumjahn, as is well-known, is a great-hearted player and never admits defeat until the last point has been lost. Furthermore he is celebrating the 20th anniversary of his participation in the Colony tennis championships, and may be relied upon to give a good account of himself.

The match will start at 4.30 p.m.

ENGLISH SOCCER RESULTS

London, Apr. 24.

Matches played in the English Football League to-day had no bearing at all on promotion and relegation.

The following were the results:

SECOND DIVISION	
Coventry	0 West Ham
Chesterfield	0 Fulham
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Queen's P.R.	1 Clapton O.
Walsall	6 Swindon
THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Hullfax	3 Gateshead
Stockport	3 York

—Reuter.

IRELAND WINS AT HOCKEY

Defeating Scotland by two goals to nil on April 1 in Dublin, Ireland won the International hockey championship for the third year in succession. Both teams played well but the Scottish goalkeeper, McEwan, gave a very fine exhibition in the first half.

The two Scottish full-backs covered well, but the visiting forwards did not get going properly. McDonough scored the first goal for Ireland. The two Irish full-backs played their usual sound game, and the centre-half, Coulson, played so well that this must have been his finest game of the season. Of the Irish forwards McDonough was very good, as also was McVegh, the Irish captain. The other Irish forwards were not so good though Bowden scored Ireland's second goal cleverly. The Irish goalkeeper was in brilliant form.

Result: Ireland 2, Scotland 0.
The final table is as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Ireland	3	3	0	0	5	0
England	3	2	0	1	5	2
Scotland	3	1	0	2	2	4
Wales	3	0	0	3	2	8

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

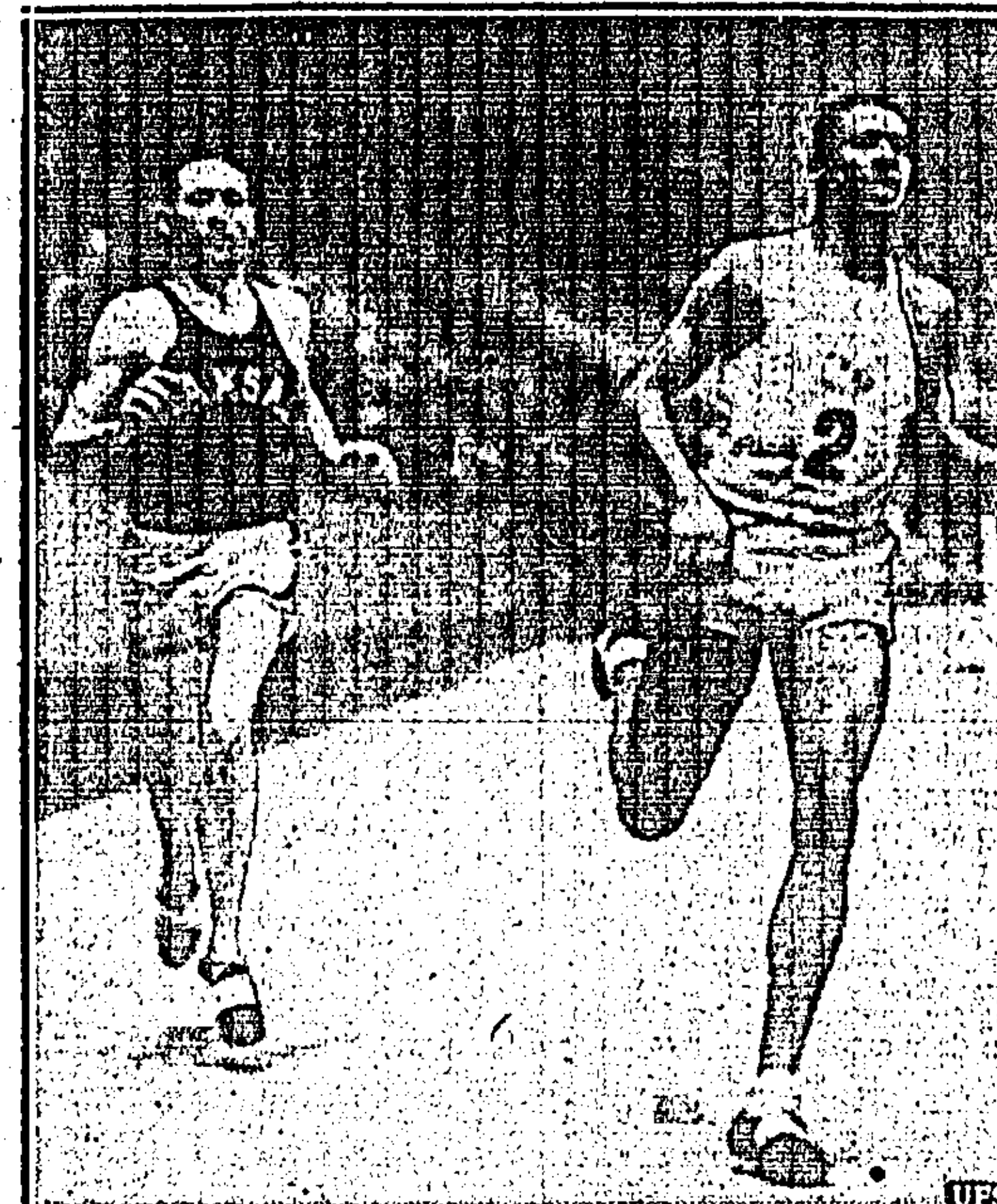
Several Rugby League matches were played to-day, the results being as follows:

St. Helens	2	Broughton	2
Huddersfield	22	Kidderley	6
St. Helens	4	Hallifax	25

—Reuter.

TRACK RIDERS' ESCAPE

Santa Rosa, Cal., Apr. 17. A terrible accident in which twelve drivers were injured occurred in a dirt track race here yesterday when two cars crashed into each other, added sixteen other cars to smash into them. Although most of the cars were completely destroyed, there were no drivers killed.—Heras.



WORLD MARK—Borican beating Cunningham at the K. of C. track meet, New York, with new world mark of 2:08.8 for 1,000 yards. Starter protested, saying Borican beat gun.

Hongkong F. C. Have Only Two Teams In Lawn Bowls League 'B' Side Withdraws: Second Division Fixtures Revised

(By "Abe")

The Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association has officially been informed that the Hongkong Football Club are entering only two teams in the League instead of three as they had originally intended.

As a result of this decision by the Hongkong F.C., fixtures in the Second Division have had to be revised completely. At first, the Hongkong F.C. had two teams in this division; now they have only one.

Teams participating in the Second Division of the League are requested to note the re-arranged fixtures for the opening week. The official fixture cards are now in the course of being printed and will be ready sometime during the week. Their appearance has been delayed as the result of the revision in the fixtures following the withdrawal of the Hongkong F.C. "B" team.

First and Third Division fixtures are not affected at all.

For the information of clubs, the following are the fixtures for the first two weeks of the League:

APRIL 29
First Division
Kowloon Dockers v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon B.C.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon F.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon C.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon R.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon E.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon G.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon H.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon I.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon J.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon K.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon L.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon M.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon N.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon O.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon P.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon Q.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon R.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon S.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon T.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon U.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon V.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon W.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon X.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon Y.C.
Kowloon Dockers v. Kowloon Z.C.

English Amateur Golf Tournament At Southport

Southport, Apr. 24.

About 250 players are participating in the English Amateur Golf Championship on the Birkdale course.

The first round was played to-day. The really surprising result is thought to be that in which E. B. Tipping, former runner-up, was beaten by H. L. Graham by one hole.

—Reuter.

And here is an extract from a letter to the Lincoln dealer at Pasadena, California:—

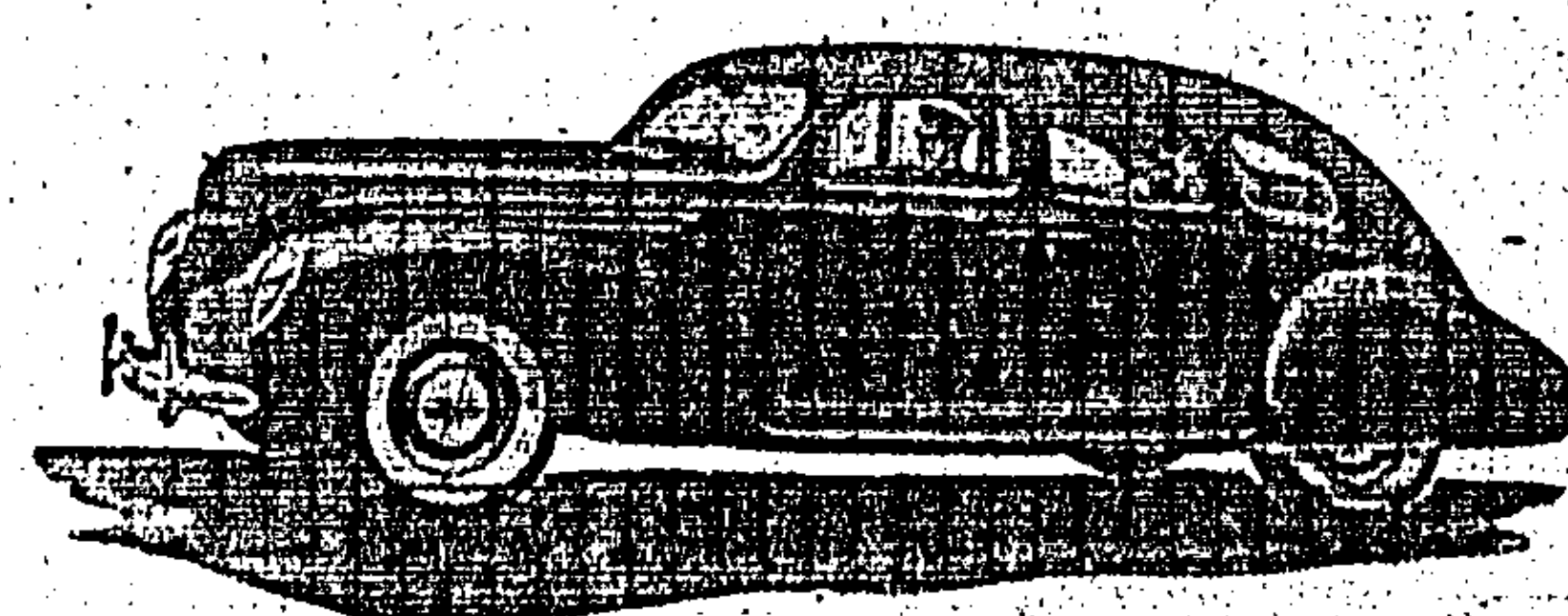
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NANCY



Henry Armstrong Looks Forward To His Scheduled Fight With Ernie Roderick

Certain He Will Get A Square Deal From English Boxing Crowd

(By Henry Super United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Apr. 14.

Henry Armstrong snapped the lock on the last trunk, rushed to a doctor's office to have the plaster cast removed from his left hand, and announced that he was all set for his first fistic expedition to England.

The little perpetual motion man from Los Angeles, champion of the lightweight and welterweight divisions, sails to defend the welter crown on May 22 in London against Ernie Roderick, the British champion, and "to have some fun."

It will be one of the largest fistic migrations in years with a party that includes Armstrong, his wife and baby daughter, brother Harry, manager Eddie Mead and his wife, Eddie Walker, another manager and friend of Mead's and Chalky Wright, one of Walker's fighters.

Armstrong, who injured the knuckle on his left forefinger when he defended the welter title for the sixth time with a 12-round technical knockout victory over Davey Day, wasn't worried. He was too excited over the prospect of his first ocean trip.

Henry said, "That suits me fine, because I like to work against that kind of an opponent."

How about the English officials—was Henry worried over the fact that the referee renders decisions and that there are no judges?

"No. Other Americans have gone over there and got a square deal. I know my style is a little different from what they are used to in that I like to fight in close and keep crowding. But I think perhaps it might make a hit with the English crowds because they've never seen that style of fighting before."

Armstrong, whose left hand was put in splints to-day, hopes to pick up some spare change appearing in exhibitions if his hand gets in shape soon enough.

NOT WORRIED

"I'm going to take electric treatments on the hand," he said, "and I don't figure on going into training until about two weeks before the fight. If the mitt is O.K. I might accept an offer to appear in a week in a London music hall and fight some exhibitions in Scotland and Italy."

"Supposing you lose to Roderick?" Armstrong was asked.

"I'd just lose—the title," he responded. "And you can't laugh off the kind of dough I'll get, win or lose. I won't stay around and try to regain it either."

"I'm not worrying. I've got an annuity paid off. I own some property in Los Angeles. And I'll pick up more cash in London and against Ambers this summer."—United Press.

Inside The Maginot Line With M.O.T.

The latest issue of "March of Time," entitled "Inside the Maginot Line," takes the M.O.T. camera crew 200 feet underground to the amazing fortresses which France has erected on its German border.

We see how the men work, drill, eat, play and, generally speaking, live their lives in some degree of completeness.

The importance of the Line, built by France at a cost of billions of francs to ensure "that the country will never be invaded again," is explained and the issue also considers the manner in which France recruits an army of 5,000,000 men through early conscription.

Whether it encourages peace hopes depends upon one's point of view. As newsreel reporting, however, it is excellent.

This issue of "March of Time" will be shown to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre in conjunction with the film, "The Great Man Votes," starring John Barrymore.

Vernacular School Sports Meeting

The Government Vernacular Normal and Middle School will hold their annual athletic sports on the Queen's College football ground, Causeway Bay, on Sunday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mrs. Tang Ping-wei has consented to distribute the prizes.

Presentation To Local Swimmer

Prior to the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club to-morrow, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society, will make a presentation to Lionel Roza-Pereira, the well-known interport swimmer, for saving a woman from drowning outside the V.R.C. last summer. The woman was washed down into the harbour following heavy rain.

The presentation will take place at 5.30 p.m. and all members and friends are invited.

Baseball

YANKEES FORGING AHEAD

New York, Apr. 24. The following are the results of matches played in Major League Baseball to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Philadelphia	6	9	1
New York	5	9	1
(Arnovich homered for the Phillies).			
Boston	4	7	0
Brooklyn	1	6	3
Cuccinello homered for the Braves).			
Pittsburgh	2	7	4
Chicago	6	12	0
(Tobin homered for the Pirates).			

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Philadelphia	1	4	1
New York	2	3	0
(Roife homered for the Yankees).			
Washington	10	10	3
Boston	9	17	3
(Ten innings were played. Fox homered for the Red Sox).			
St. Louis	2	6	0
Detroit	4	9	1
Chicago	9	10	1
Cleveland	3	8	3

—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24.—Mr. James M. Slattery to-day took the oath as new Democratic Senator for Illinois, in succession to Senator Hamilton Lewis.—United Press.

Colony Badminton Players Checked In Shanghai

Shanghai, Apr. 21.

Winning two matches, the men's and ladies' singles, out of a possible three yesterday evening on home courts, Clube Lusitano led Clube de Recreio de Hongkong by three matches to two upon completion of the second day's play in the Inter-Club Badminton Series. The local players need only to win one more out of the remaining two tussles which are to take place to-day in order to win the competition.

The Shanghai Portuguese started out with a loss when Mrs. H. C. Coluccio and Mrs. A. S. Costa, wives of two well known footballers, fell victims at the hands of Misses O. Rebelro and M. Silva in two straight sets by a score of 17-14 and 16-5. But the superiority of B. V. de Senna, one of the city's foremost exponents, and Mrs. A. A. Remedios, ranking player among local Portuguese, immediately turned the tables on the visitors as they each disposed of M. Oliveira and Miss M. Xavier in easy style by the scores of 15-9 and 15-5 in the men's singles and 8-11, 11-1 and 11-3 in the ladies' singles.

Yesterday's programme was headed by an exhibition match in the mixed doubles. In the absence of Miss D. Eardley, who was not able to turn out, Mrs. B. V. de Senna played in her stead and paired up with J. J. Remedios of Hongkong. The pair, after winning the first set 15-10, dropped the next two by 15-11 and 15-7 to Miss M. Ribeiro of Hongkong and C. da Silva.

TIMELY RALLY

The local ladies played an erratic game, especially towards the closing stage when the opening set was practically in their hands. Twice they had a lead, once at 11-6 and then at 14-9. Miss Rebelro started a timely rally with a fine placement. Miss Silva followed suit with a hard smash. These two points rattled the local team. Mrs. Coluccio lost her grip and made two mistakes on her returns. Mrs. Costa also blundered twice, to make first a deuce and then concede the advantage at 15-14.

With two more points to go, the visiting couple fought with great confidence. They sent back every thing Shanghai could offer. Miss Silva slashed a good shot over the net to win the next point. Mrs. Coluccio became unsteady as she mistimed Miss Rebelro's serve and gave away the opening set.

In the second set the Hongkong team continued to shine, gaining two safe leads, 4-0 and 2-2. Then Shanghai fought back but lacked the punch to keep on with the pace. After 8-5, the visitors reeled off

seven points in a row to win the doubles and give Hongkong a lead of two matches to one in the series.

CLUBE STRIKES BACK

Clube Lusitano was bent on winning the men's singles in order to be hopeful of the final outcome which hinges on to-day's last two matches. Local supporters, however, were satisfied by B. V. de Senna's brilliance in completely outplaying his opponent, M. Oliveira. Senna played an all-attacking game from start to finish and it took him less than twenty minutes to polish off the Clube de Recreio representative, winning fairly easily by 15-9 and 15-3. At no time was the local performer on the defensive.

Mrs. A. A. Remedios, in trying to give her team from submerging, gave her supporters no small amount of anxiety at the end of the first set which she lost to Miss M. Xavier, an up-and-coming young visitor.

Both players made a slow start, "ing and winning back the serve alternately until Mrs. Remedios struck an unreturnable cross-court drive to break the tie. Miss Xavier replied with a similar shot and the two began to please the crowd with a stream of scintillating plays. The local player had the upperhand, leading at 5-3.

Miss Xavier staged an uphill battle, fighting determinedly. She won a soft top shot and got into stride to wear down her opponent in quick time. Mrs. Remedios had her hands "all and slipped off to hand the first set to the Hongkong girl at 11-8.

Mrs. Remedios' breath came back, evidently the brief respite between sets serving like a tonic. For upon the resumption she jumped off in invincible style and garnered eight points in succession. Miss Xavier took the next point but the local excitement gained the next three to finish the session at 11-1 and tie the standing at one game all.

The third and deciding session saw the ultimate winner snatch a lead of 10-11. She gave away the next three points before winning the concluding tally.—N. C. D. News.



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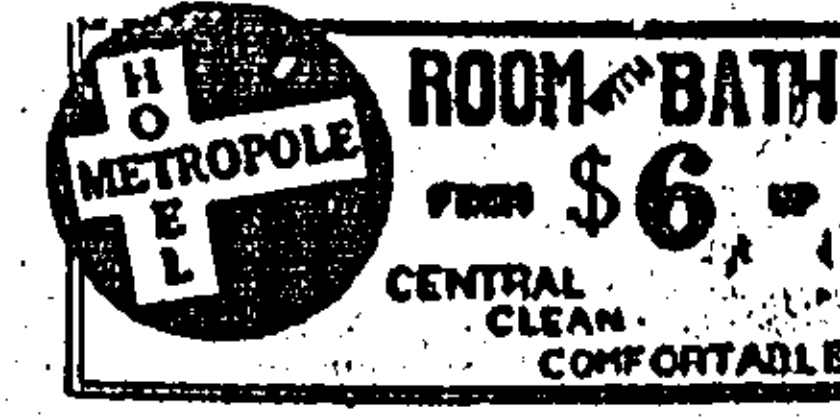
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Difficult to Feed

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REVIVED

Paris—Crinolines, stiff silks, bare shoulders, flowers and jewels join this season to make Paris evening fashions as alluring as those of the long-ago Second Empire when Eugene enchanted the world with her beauty. Naturally the crinolines and the more sumptuous of the gowns are reserved for the grandest parties, usually in private homes, but even at night clubs and theatre premieres, wide hems and romantic décolletés give the same feelings, aided by trimming in the hair and conspicuous jewelry.

Ann Rudledge



The upward and outward sweep of this large brimmed ballbunt in black is becomingly offset by its unusual treatment of rose-coloured satin ribbon. The hat is designed by Marie Alphonsine.

Odourless Cooking

THERE are two simple devices for preventing the smell of cooking from permeating through the house.

If the anticipated cooking smell is not very strong, take a potato, cut in half, and place one half, skin downward, on the stove or grate. It becomes warm without getting overcooked. The potato absorbs the smell of whatever happens to be cooking, provided the odour is not too intense. Should the odour happen to be very strong, take some orange peel, put a few drops of vinegar on it, and

place the peel on the stove. The skin gets warm, but does not cook, and the kitchen is odourless.

Very numerous are the evening gowns that are pleated, having important trains, and being liberally decorated with flower trimmings and diamond motifs.

Gowns with fringes are a marked fashion note. Black silk fringes on white satin gowns look well, and gowns entirely trimmed in white shells are novel for evening wear.

"SHOOTER" WORKER

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. Robert Bishop, 23, a WPA worker, was warming himself beside a bonfire after cleaning up debris on a project when he yelled in pain. He had been shot in the right leg by a bullet swept into the debris pile. Several

TO DRY LETTUCE

To dry lettuce thoroughly for salads, place in a clean towel and swirl towel around several times at arms' length, like a bag.

other bullets also exploded. How they got there was a mystery.

BABY'S no trouble at all," boasted a young mother proudly to me the other day. "She takes her feeds without any fuss, loves her bath, and we don't hear a sound from her all night."

"It's all very well to talk now," I said. "She's only three months old, but you wait until she's three months older."

There's no reason why all babies shouldn't be perfect angels for the first five months if their day-by-day routine is carried out and they are normally healthy.

"It's when you come to wean them that you'll face your first big problem. If you don't start Baby off in the right way, all your good work of the past will be quickly undone, and she may have a bad setback."

As I told my young friend, I believe in gradual weaning straight on to cup and spoon feeding, and mothers will have no lasting trouble with the process provided that they are patient.

She'll Disapprove

Baby is not likely to take to the change without a murmur. She will probably show definite disapproval at first, but, after all you as mother are in charge, and perseverance on your part will win the day.

If Baby registers too much disapproval, wrap her firmly in a clean towel so that the small arms cannot be waved about nor the spoon knocked out of your hand, and go on patiently with the feeding, using a shallow-bowled spoon with rounded edges.

Pay no heed if she spits back food at first; that is bound to happen until Baby gets accustomed to new tastes and to the feel of the spoon, so carry on until she finally gives in gracefully. This should only take a few days.

You may be interested in these weaning problems from readers, together with my replies.

Refuses Milk

Now that Baby is being weaned, she refuses to drink milk. Any that she takes disagrees with her.

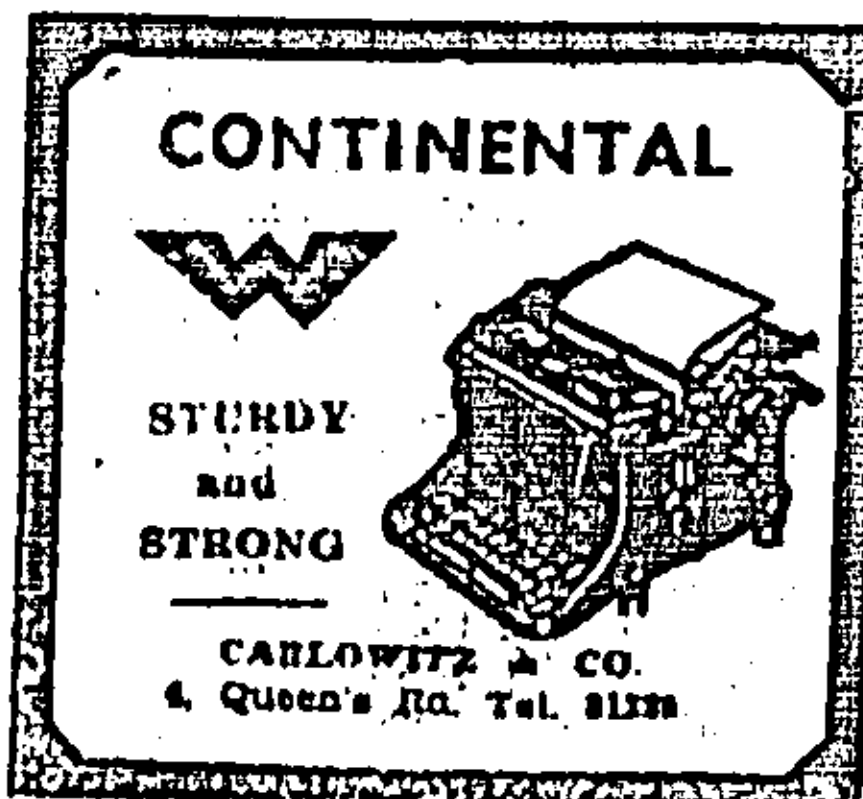
I GATHER that you have been trying to give Baby undiluted milk, and it is likely that her stomach cannot digest the large curd.

Some doctors say that no child under two years of age should be given undiluted milk and I would advise you to use diluted milk for weaning purposes.

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You may like to try one or two of these recipes to vary the ordinary stewed rhubarb.

As a spring tonic there is nothing to equal a rhubarb juice drink. Stew the fruit slowly with a good deal of sugar to make a syrup, until the flavour has all been extracted. When cold, put a tablespoonful in a glass, and fill up with soda water and a little plain water. If you stew a small piece of this lemon peel with the fruit, the flavour will be improved.

Rhubarb sweet is delicious.—Cut about three-quarters of a pound of rhubarb into small pieces, and stew them in half a pint of water. Add quarter of a pound of sugar, and the grated rind of a lemon.

Whisk the whites of two eggs until they are stiff, dissolve one and a half ounce of gelatine in half a pint of water, and add these to the rhubarb when it is quite soft. Line a mould with sponge fingers and pour in the mixture. Serve with custard when set.

A Tasty Pudding

Rhubarb pudding is another favourite. Take a pound of rhubarb, wiped and chopped up small, and place this in a greased pie-dish. Sprinkle with a cup of sugar.

Beat an egg and a large cup of milk together, and stir in four tablespoonfuls of flour, a little salt, and a dessertspoonful of sugar. Beat the batter well until it is fairly stiff, and bake in a hot oven for about 35 minutes.

Rhubarb jelly is nourishing for invalids. Wipe and cut about a pound of rhubarb, add half a cupful of water and a cupful of sugar; cook until soft, and strain through a colander. Dissolve a red currant jelly square in a cup of hot water, and mix with the rhubarb while it is still hot. Pour the mixture into a wet mould, and allow to set.

Rhubarb and dates make a delightful combination. Well grease a basin, and line it with pastry about quarter of an inch in thickness. Wipe a pound of rhubarb, and cut it into small pieces. Wash, stone, and chop up coarsely, a pound of dates. Mix together with sugar to taste, and fill the basin.

Pour the juice of two oranges and enough water to make half a gill over the fruit, and cover with pastry. Seal the edges, put on some greased paper, and steam for about an hour and a half. Serve with sweet custard.



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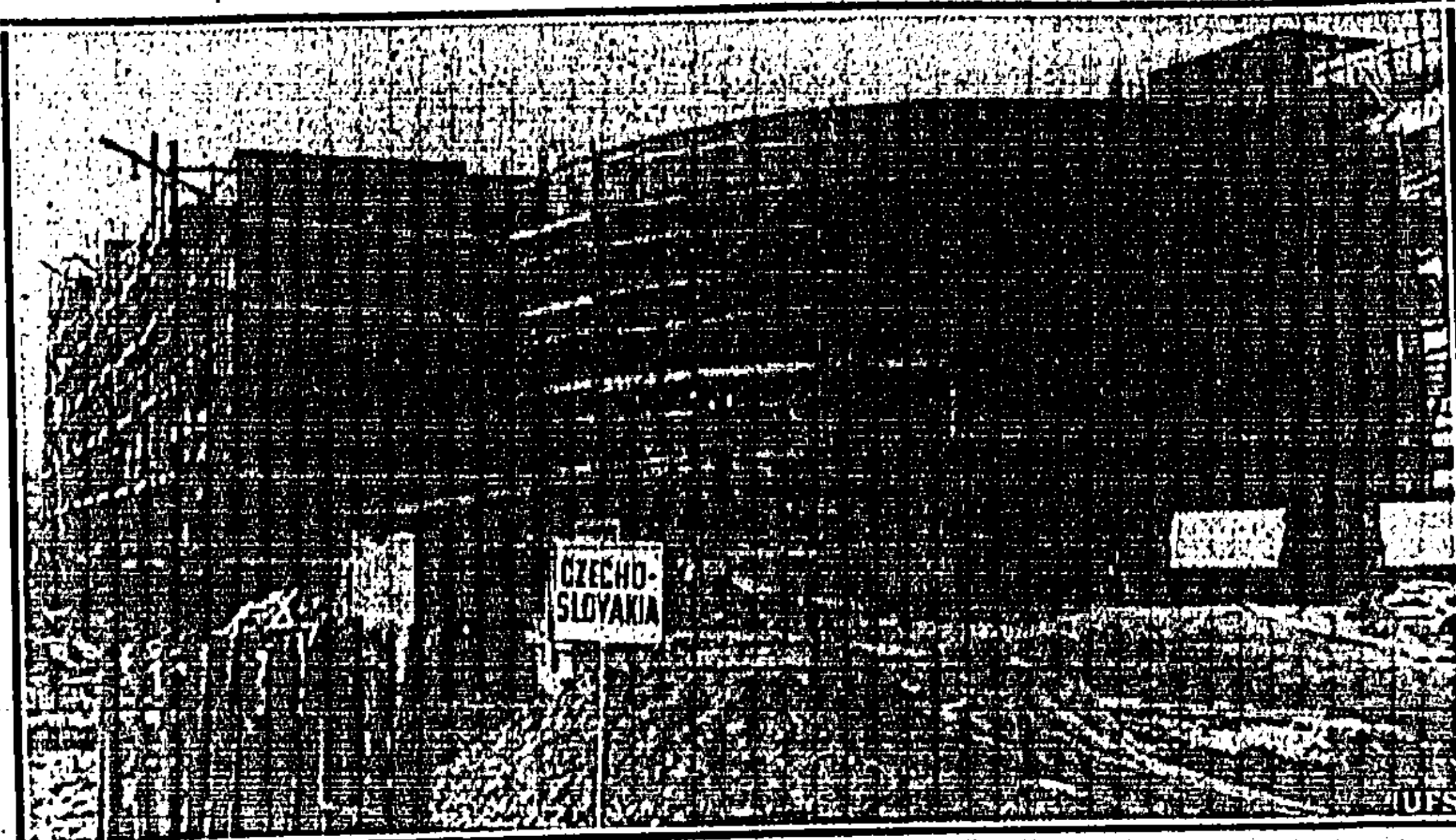
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Following ceremonies commemorating the inauguration of the American Legion, American Ambassador William C. Bullitt chats in Paris with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Many prominent French, English and Americans were present at the exercises.



Clad in sombre garb and flanked by Swiss guards, here are Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy and eight of their nine children, as they left the Vatican after an audience with Pope Pius.



From a field of 200 beauties, blonde Irmasgard Dietel, 18-year-old University of Miami co-ed, emerged victor of the title "Miss Miami." She will seek "Miss America" laurels next autumn.



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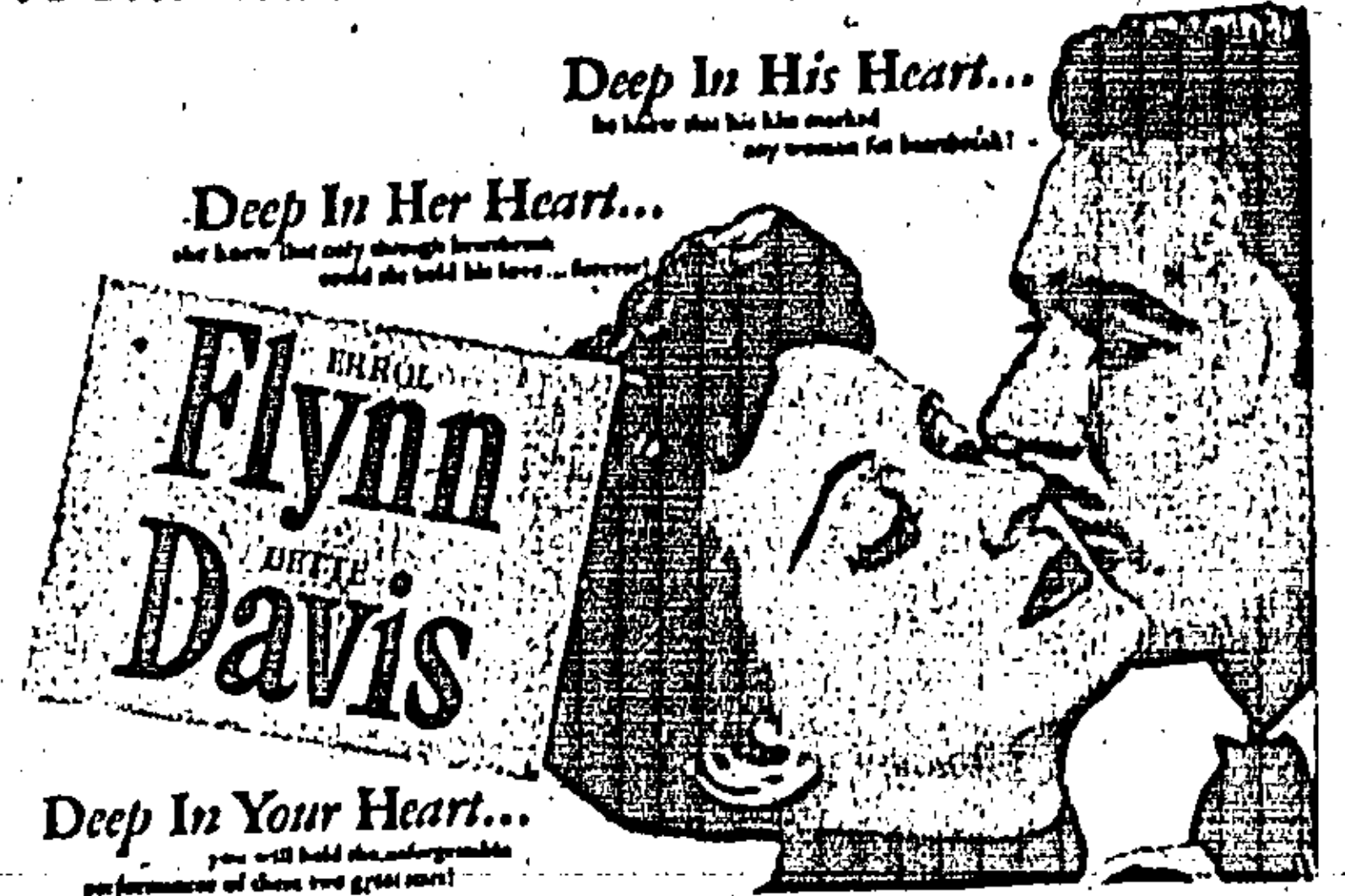
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Suspicious Of Chamberlain

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here both by the press and diplomatic quarters, namely that Hitler would attempt to resurrect the appeasement policy, and would point to Roosevelt's message as justification for it.

Appeasement Policy

Political quarters understand that President Roosevelt has no intention of being caught in this way. It is precisely the President's followers who have hitherto been the loudest in their opposition to appeasement, and it is said that on account of internal affairs, President Roosevelt could not afford to request unilateral concessions from Britain and France in order to placate the Axis.

While the appeasement policy existed, the press here hinted, it is believed with official inspiration, that the United States could not be indifferent to the suggestions of cession of West African territories to the Axis on account of the accessibility of these areas to South America.

African Fears

Certain African associations, fearing the danger of falling under the Axis rule, have, it is declared, attempted to invoke the protection of the United States, quoting as an example America's interest in Liberia, and pleading for protection from the Nuremberg racial laws.

Thus, although the United States Government disassociates itself officially from territorial questions, there does exist certain backward areas which apparently could scarcely become the subject of negotiation without embarrassing the Government.

It is thought therefore, that Washington is likely to adhere to a literal interpretation of President Roosevelt's proposals. —Reuter.

Roosevelt's Plea Attacked

Berlin, Apr. 24. Examining President Roosevelt's message in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" this evening, the editor, Dr. Halffeld writes that if Germany doubts the suitability of President Roosevelt to play the part of an "honest broker," this is due to the recollections of intervention over 20 years ago of another President of the United States, who, in that case, desired to settle things on a basis of international morality and justice.

Dr. Halffeld points out that if President Wilson's famous 14 Points had been fulfilled "there would never have been an economic boycott or unilateral disarmament of Germany." He continued: "There would have been no robbery of German colonies, no prevention of the Austrian Anschluss, no violent separation of millions of Germans elsewhere from their Motherland."

Personal Promise

The article mentioned the contention that the Fourteen Points constituted merely a personal promise by President Wilson, which the Allies subsequently declined to ratify. He argued that, on the contrary, they represented a binding agreement on all the Allied Powers, as proved by the exchange of notes between the German Government and President Wilson prior to the armistice.

According to Dr. Halffeld, it is incontestable that the peace treaty was to embody the principles enunciated in the Fourteen Points, and the peace conference was to be confined to settling the practical details of the application of these principles.

In reality, the Fourteen Points were brushed aside entirely at the conference.

The article concludes by observing that President Roosevelt must be fully aware of all the circumstances since the Under-Secretary of State in the Navy Department, and a member of President Wilson's Cabinet at the time of the armistice, and the negotiations which preceded it. —Trans-Ocean.

NEW TOKYO MAYOR

Tokyo, Apr. 24. Mr. Keikichi Tanomogi, Director of the Minseito Party was elected the 17th Mayor of Tokyo on Sunday. —United Press.

GERMANY BACKS OUT OF BOXING TOURNAMENT

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Berlin, Apr. 24. Germany's decision to withdraw from the forthcoming amateur boxing tournament between Europe and America is given much prominence in the Berlin sporting newspapers this morning. It is pointed out, however, that the decision was taken prior to Saturday's meeting in Dublin of the International Amateur Boxing Federation.

The fact that Poland will also not take part in the Chicago tourney as protest against two referee verdicts which eliminated the Polish boxers Czarick and Symura from the final round of the European Amateur Championships is seen here as depriving Europe of any chance of winning the Chicago tourney.

The team selected by the Federation is as follows: Lehtinen (Finland), Nordeckia (Italy), Sergio (Italy), Dowdall (Ireland), Agren (Sweden), Randle (Estonia), Musina (Italy), Lazzari (Italy). —Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL BOXING

Hongkong Area Championships At Nanking Barracks

The open individual and boys boxing championships of the Hongkong Area commenced at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, last night and will be continued this evening at 8.30.

Good and keen boxing was seen in some of the bouts; the results of which were:

Middleweight (1st. round) —Gnr. Franklyn (R.A.) beat Dda McDonald (1st. Mid.).
Featherweight (1st. round) boys —Boy Martin (2nd. R.S.) beat Boy Smith (1st. Mid.).
Bantamweight (semi-final) —Pte. Williams (1st. Mid.) secured a walk-over from Spr. Murphy (R.E.).
Lightweight (1st. round) boys —Boy Ward (1st. Mid.) beat Tpr. Eubank (8th. H.).
Welterweight (1st. round) boys —Tpr. Evans (1st. H.R.) beat Boy Maxwell (2nd. R.S.).
Featherweight (semi-final) —Pte. Lusham (1st. Mid.) beat Pte. Childress (R.A.M.C.).
Bantamweight (semi-final) boys —Boy McDonald (2nd. R.S.) secured a walk-over from Boy Winstanley (1st. Mid.) who was medically unfit.
Middleweight (semi-final) —Ins. Emerson (2nd. R.S.) beat Pte. Hugginson (1st. Mid.).
Welterweight (semi-final) boys —Alexander (1st. Mid.) beat Tpr. Richardson (8th. H.R.).

Indoor Bowling Contest

Teams representing H.M.S. Birmingham and U.S.S. Augusta took part in an interesting friendly match at Ten Pins at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday. The American team won by 322 points. Scores:

Augusta				
T. L. Cleaver	138	174	312	
M. S. Johnson	140	168	248	
J. M. Flaherty	93	103	190	
P. L. Eaton	94	98	192	
Total			949	
Birmingham				
W. J. Bevan	90	85	181	
L. S. Garner	19	97	160	
R. P. Welch	81	84	165	
R. W. May	46	68	114	
Total			620	

LOCAL YACHTING

Ladies' Corinthian Race Won By True Blue

The following were the results of a Ladies' Corinthian race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 9.3 miles.

	Finished	Pos.
True Blue	16.18.25	1
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)		
Kittiwake	16.18.26	2
(Miss P. M. King)		
Artemis	16.18.48	3
(Miss H. Whittham)		
La Linda	16.18.55	4
(Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)		
Redshank	16.30.01	5
(Mrs. M. N. Luce)		
Konla	D.N.F.	
Guri	D.N.F.	

Diplomatic Activity

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of friendship between the two countries which resulted from the Venice talks, was a natural consequence of complete agreement on all questions of mutual interest.

For this reason, he considered the Venice meeting to be in the highest degree satisfactory. —Trans-Ocean.

Hurried Departure

CROYDON, Apr. 24. The Polish Ambassador to London made a hurried departure for Paris by Imperial Airways plane to-day.

It is understood that his business in Paris is very urgent.

Special accommodation was arranged on the plane, which had already been fully booked. —United Press.

Reich-Rumanian Pact

Bucharest, Apr. 24. Dr. Wohltat, attached to the German Ministry of Economics, has already seen M. Boljolt, Rumanian Minister of National Economy, and has pressed for the adoption of two schemes regarding the cultivation of hemp and flax, and the production of a substitute form of cotton and wool.

The Minister replied that the plans could not be adopted in their present form as the basis of the treaty was not production for Rumanian consumption, but a series of "economic exchanges." —Reuter.

Departure From Rome

Rome, Apr. 24. The British Ambassador and Lady Perth left here this afternoon for London.

The Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and all heads of the diplomatic missions accredited to the Quirinal, were present at the station to bid farewell to the Ambassador, who is retiring from diplomatic service. —Trans-Ocean.

Poland, Estonia Will Fight Together

Warsaw, Apr. 24. General Laidoner, Commander-in-Chief of the Estonian army, who has concluded a six days official visit to Warsaw, declared to-day that although Poland and Estonia were not bound by any treaty, nevertheless complete agreement prevailed between the two countries.

He stated that in the course of his conversations with General Rydz-Smigly and Colonel Beck, the Foreign Minister, that he found his views on the relations between Poland and Estonia were entirely shared by the Polish statesmen.

General Laidoner further stressed his belief that his impressions of the existing international situation were similar to those of the Finnish and Latvian governments.

Remarkable on the firm determination of Poland to defend the country from attack from any quarter, General Laidoner said that it indicated that Poland did not intend to bind herself to any Power. That was also the standpoint of Estonia, who was about to construct a submarine flotilla for the defence of her shores. —Trans-Ocean.

Turkey And Russia

MOSCOW, Apr. 24.—It is understood that the Soviet Vice Commissioner for Foreign Affairs is proceeding to Turkey on Sunday.

The object of his visit has not been announced. —United Press.

BRITON'S FACE IS SLAPPED

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

It is understood from a reliable source that a Japanese Navy man slapped the British Assistant Commissioner of the Municipal Police, Mr. A. D. Samson, in the course of an argument at the General Hospital following a Japanese bus and motor car collision in which Mr. Beltram Lillie, a Britisher and Principal of the Lester School who had returned from England to-day, was killed, and Mrs. Lillie and a British sergeant of the Municipal Police, R. J. Wimslett, were seriously injured. —United Press.

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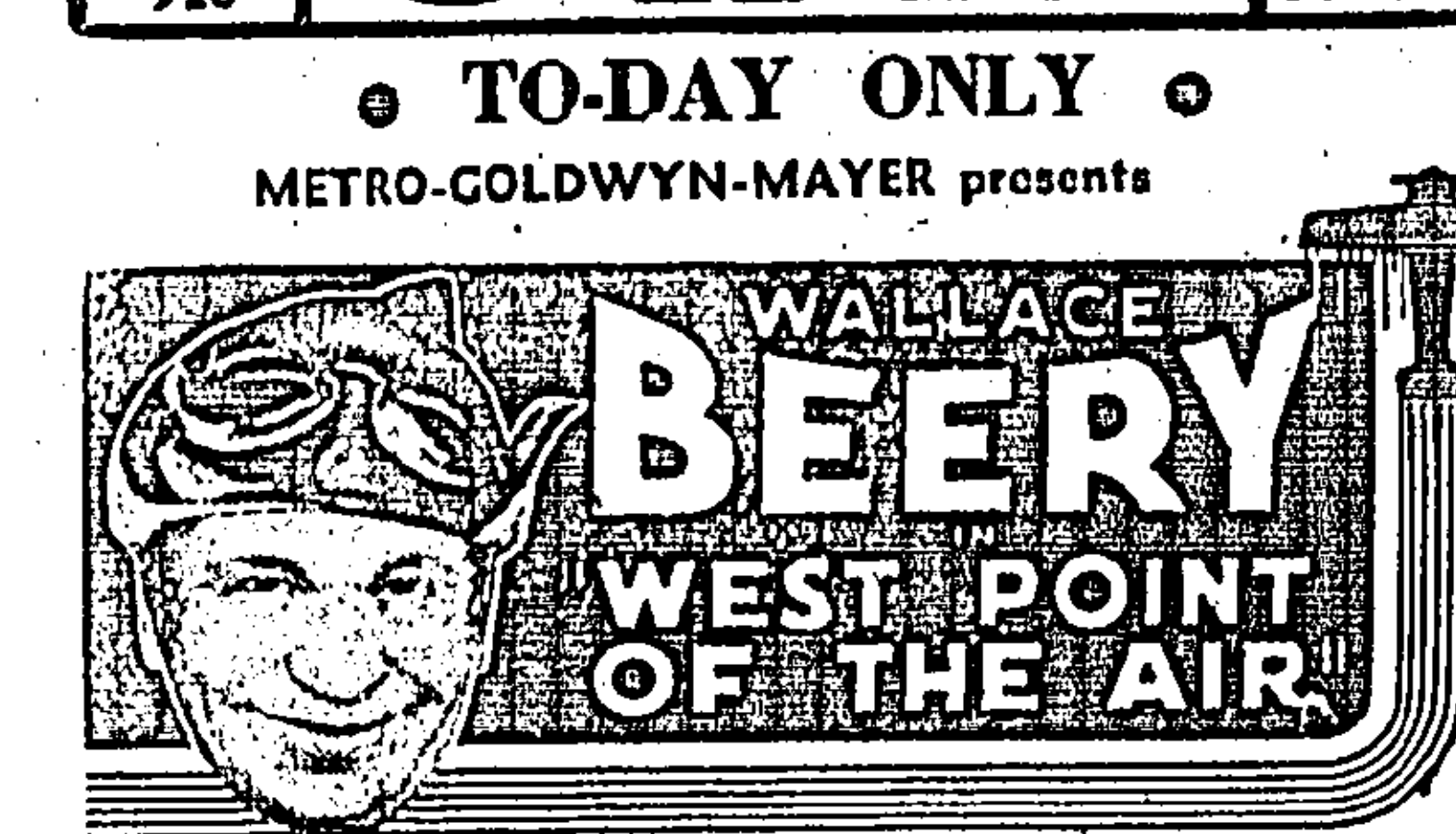
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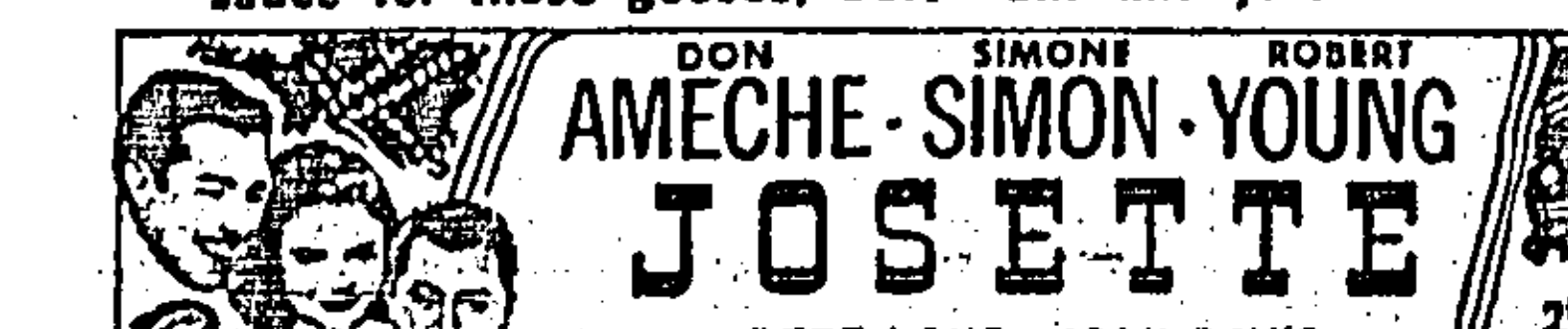
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CHINA COAST HAND AND VAST DRUG RING FRAUD
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"Grall told him he was mixed up with 'Brilliant Chang, the dope man' (Brilliant Chang, a Chinese restaurant proprietor in London, was deported in 1925 for trafficking in forbidden drugs.)

He also told Headlam that ex-Superintendent Cornish, one of the Big Five, was in the pay of the organisation.

Mr. Palling said: "With the exception of Mr. Percival, not one of these officers mentioned has ever heard of Grall, and not one of them is concerned with this illicit traffic, which is a tissue of lies from beginning to end."

Major Gordon, of Stainton, near Kendal, Westmorland, replying to Mr. T. W. Whiteman (for Grall) said:

he thought the transactions mentioned by Grall were more or less legal.

Mr. Arthur Percival, of Norfolk Park Avenue, Sheffield, retired superintendent of Burnley police, said that Grall called at the police station at Burnley, and borrowed a sum between £3 and £6, saying he was stranded. He afterwards repaid the loan.

Mr. Palling: Have you any knowledge of drug trafficking? —No.

Have you been concerned with Grall or anybody else in that type of business? —No.

Mr. James Berrett, of Pontney-road, Batham, S.W., retired chief detective inspector at Scotland-yard, said he had never seen Grall. He denied he had ever been concerned in any illicit drug trafficking, or received money from anybody in respect of such business.

Similar evidence was given by Mr. George W. Cornish and Mr. Charles Arthur Cooper, both retired detective superintendents at Scotland-yard, and by Superintendent C. E. Camplon, of Scotland-yard.

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